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New Township Complex On Schedule & Budget; Bids to Be Let in March

Construction bids for the Township's $11.8 million municipal building will be let at the beginning of March, according to Allan Kehrt, of the Kehrt Shatken Sharon (KSS) architectural firm designing the complex.

Construction on the 48,000-square-toot building is expected to begin in May — simultaneously with the completion of a new recreation building.

Mr. Kehrt and construction manager William Shore of the Bovis Construction Corporation, appeared at a meeting of Township Committee on January 25, to present a progress report on the design for the L-shaped building, as well as an update on construction plans. "I am happy to report that we are on budget," Mr. Shore told the Committee.

"Il we don't bring the building in on budget, we'll be in trouble," added Mr. Kehrt, "since we're right next door!" [KSS is located on Witherspoon Street, two doors from the current municipal building.]

Original plans for the new building at the corner of Witherspoon Street and Valley Road were unveiled in June 1977, when KSS won a competition for the best design.

Since then, a building subcommittee — Township Committee members Roz Denard and Michele Tuck-Ponder, Police Chief Anthony Gaylord, Township Engineer Robert Kiser, and Township Administrator James Pascale, together with representatives of the architectural and construction lirms — has fine-tuned the design to meet staff requirements.

Before ground can be broken for the complex, the recreation building which stands in the middle of the site will have to be moved or demolished.

Township Committee authorized the expenditure ot $575,000 for relocation of the building to a spot adjacent to the Princeton community pool; and a foundation for the new structure was recently poureo. The building will eventually house the regional Human Services Commission.

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Teachers' Union Demands Contract - or Else!

Members ot the Princeton Regional Education Association (PREA), the union representing teachers in the regional schools, told school board members in no uncertain terms on Tuesday, January 26, that they were fed up with stalled contract negotiations.

Many carried signs that read: "No Contract — but Still Working!" Most sported buttons bearing the same legend.

About 200 teachers converged on the John Witherspoon School caleteria shortly before the board meeting began at 8; they just kept coming, until congestion at the doorways resembled rush hour traffic at Grand Central Station.

Teachers who spoke at the meeting expressed bitter frustration and anger that the district and the union have not been able to reach agreement on a 1998-99 contract.

They were not as gracious as at lheir last board appearance on December 15, when 100 PREA members pled politely lor settlement.

At least a dozen parents joined the teachers on Tuesday; they demanded that the board put an end to months of exhausting, time-consuming negotiations by agreeing to a tair contract that everyone can support.

Teachers have been working under terms of their 1997-98 contract since last June 30. They and the board have been meeting intermittently with a mediator from the NJ Public Employee Relations Commission since September — when the two sides reached an impasse in negotiations.

In December, PREA announced its members would begin a job action right after the holidays; starting January 4, teachers refused to perform any duties outside their contractual hours.

The job action ended January 25. "We lifted it as a gesture of good taith," PREA action committee

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Friends and Neighbors Plan Benefit For a Riverside School Fifth Grader

Everyone involved is hoping that the combination ot a rousing gospel music concert and the chance to help a Riverside School fifth-grader who is recovering from a liver transplant will prove irresistible.

A gospel benefit, "To You With Love and Music," has been organized by the Neighborhood Committee of the Arts Council to help the family of Courtney Jefferson, 10, whose surgery took place in June at St. Christopher's Hospital in Philadelphia. The event will be held Sunday, February 7, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the John Witherspoon Middle School.

Courtney is one of four children adopted by Jo Ellen Jefferson, 47, who tives in Princeton Community Village. Divorced lor the past 12

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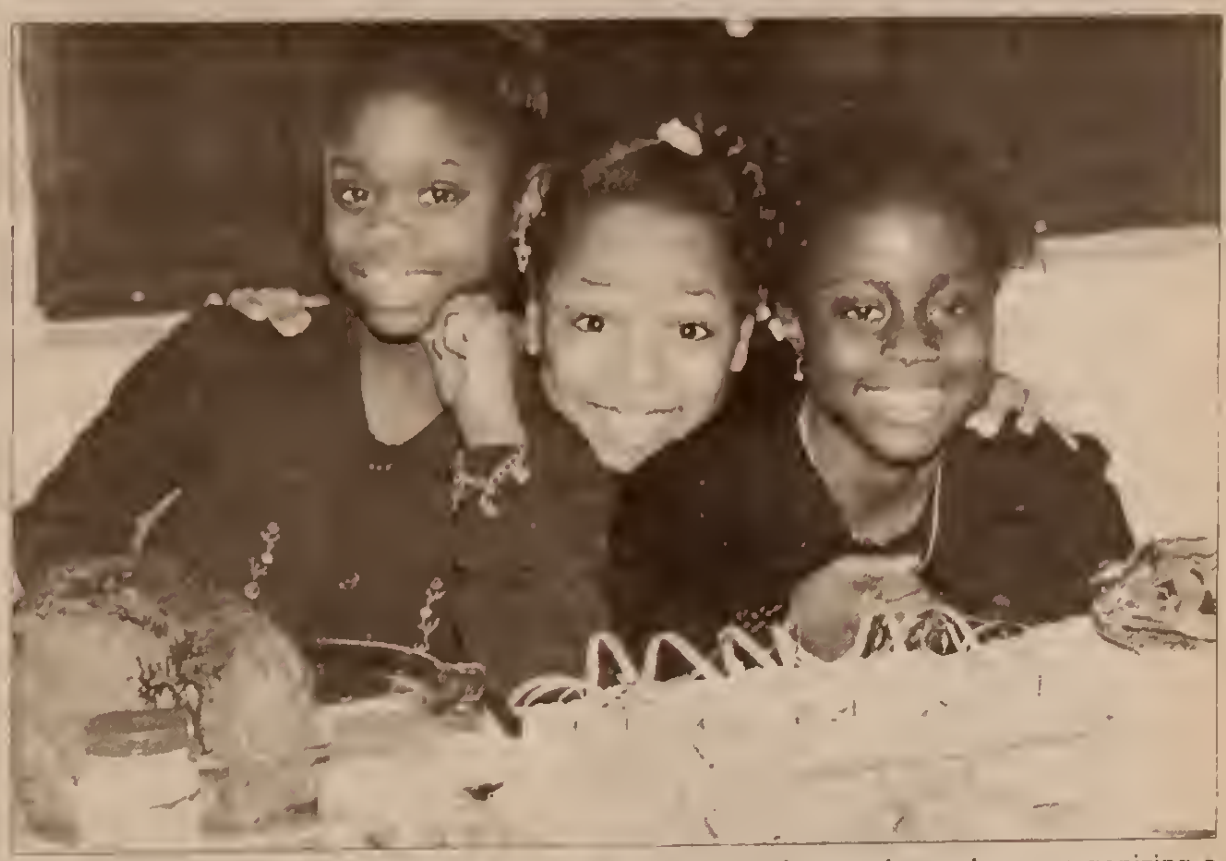

ANTICIPATING A GREAT AFTERNOON: Friends and community members who are organizing a gospel concert to benefit Courtney Jefferson, right, recently gathered at a reception at the Arts Council. The concert will take place at 4 p.m. on Sunday, February 7, at John Witherspoon Middle School. Shown with Courtney at the reception are her sister, Cameron, left, and their friend, Shanay Gillette-Hagler.

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Teachers

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leader Jo Szabaga said yesterday. "At this point, meetings very important to our future as educators are occurring in the district," the middle school teacher noted.

"We have advised members to attend meetings they feel are important — like those on long-range planning or superintendent selection," Ms. Szabaga continued.

PREA has already printed T-shirts that carry a message: "There's a First Time for Everything — Strike!"

A five-hour negotiating session — without the mediator — took place on January 5, but the two sides failed to resolve outstanding issues. No details about contract demands or the board's position were available, because both sides have agreed to a news black-out since talks began.

A final session is scheduled with the mediator for Thursday, January 28. "The outcome of negotiations on Thursday night will determine what happens next," action committee spokesperson Suzanne Thompson told TOWN TOPICS.

"Enormous Problems"

No one has yet uttered the word "strike," but Ms. Thompson warned, "If the contract is not settled, it will cause enormous problems."

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The union's action committee met last week with representatives of the New Jersey Education Association to discuss options available, should negotiations fail. Neither Ms. Szabaga nor Ms. Thompson would divulge details of the discussion.

Ms. Szabaga *did* say that if talks break down on Thursday, PREA will ask community leaders to intercede on the union's behalf.

Ms. Thompson predicted, "If this goes beyond Thursday night, the non-tenured people in the district are going to be between a real rock and a hard place."

The union demands nothing less than "a settlement we can recommend to the membership," she stressed.

Three years ago, PREA members worked without a new contract well into the 1995-96 school year. Settlement was finally reached in the spring of 1996.

Some PREA members have said they feel matters are even worse this year.

"The U. S. economy is so strong now, why are the regional schools in such dire straits they cannot negotiate a contract?" demanded Ms. Szabaga earlier this month. "The whole situation is very confusing and disheartening."

PREA will hold a general membership meeting on Friday, January 29. "We hope that the purpose of that meeting will be to brief our membership on the new agreement reached the night before," Ms. Szabaga declared to the board.

"If we are not in a position to do that," she announced, "we will use that meeting to inform our membership of the new strategies we will implement in an effort to end this stalemate and bring about a contract settlement."

—Anne Rivera

Town Topics Christmas Fund Ends Its Most Successful Appeal

Only a few days remain until the end of this year's TOWN TOPICS Christmas Fund appeal, and it gives us great pleasure to report that the response from the community to the appeal has broken the previous record.

Nearly $69,000 was contributed ($68,942.21, to be exact), close to $4,000 more than the record-setting amount raised two years ago.

All the money that has been generously donated by the community will be used to help people in need. The fund is administered by Family & Children's Services of Central New Jersey, whose staff directs assistance to individuals and families whose resources have run dry and who have nowhere else to turn.

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The 52nd annual Town Topics Christmas Fund appeal formally ends January 31, but anyone wishing to contribute to the fund may do so. All donations received after this date will be counted toward next year's appeal.

To contribute, send a check payable to the Town Topics Christmas Fund to P.O. Box 664, Princeton 08542. Contributions may also be brought to the Town Topics office at 4 Mercer Street.

Schoolteacher Charged With Hitting A Student

Montgomery Township police recently charged a Waldorf School teacher with simple assault, following a three-month investigation of an incident where he reportedly hit a student with a broom handle.

Friedrich Ekkehard Heyder, 60, of Foxboro Court in the Princeton section of Montgomery, responded to police headquarters on January 15. He was charged and released with a January 26 court date.

Police say Mr. Heyder struck the student, a 12-year-old from Princeton, on October 5, 1998 and caused an unspecified minor injury. The student's mother, who asked not to be identified, said she reported the incident to police and later removed her child from the school when Mr. Heyder was allowed to return and teach his seventh grade class under supervised conditions.

Klonda Speer, the school's administrative coordinator, would not comment on the case or confirm whether Mr. Heyder had indeed returned to the classroom.

The Waldorf School is a private institution which teaches children from nursery school through eighth grade. It is located on Cherry Hill Road in Montgomery.

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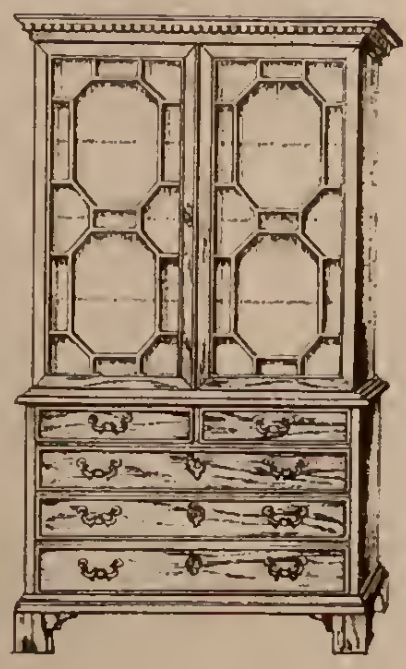

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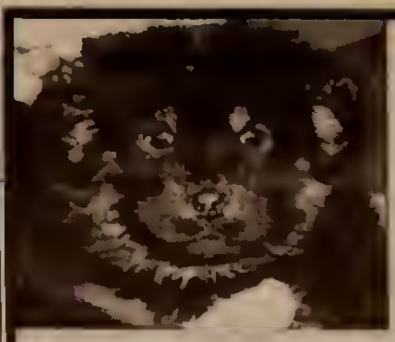

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New Housing Units in Township Are Approved by Planning Board

Pulte Home Corporation has received approval from the Regional Planning Board to move forward with its plans to build 109 housing units on a 65-acre site along Cherry Valley Road, just west of the Griggs Farm Development.

In 1996, Princeton Township passed an ordinance establishing a senior overlay zone at this site. This offered a developer the opportunity to construct homes of a specified size for persons age 62 and over.

While not pursuing the options provided by the senior overlay ordinance, Pulte has agreed to construct 36 of the 71 townhouses with the master bedroom on the first floor. These end units, with two additional bedrooms on the second floor, are expected to be priced between $250,000 and $290,000.

At the Thursday, January 21 Planning Board meeting, Pulte Project manager Jeff Meyer said he would provide the Princeton Coalition for Senior Housing with information on these units. The developer also plans a target mailing to Princeton residents and advertisements in local newspapers.

TOPICS Of the Town

The 109-unit Pulte development will include 38 single-family homes and 71 townhouses. A total of 39 of the tract's 65 acres will be preserved as open space.

Approximately 29.6 of the 39 acres will be dedicated to Princeton Township. Of this amount, three acres will be developed into a park containing a regulation-size soccer field, regulation-size basketball court, and a hard surface play area. Nineteen-and-a-half acres would be set aside for passive recreation; 7.3 acres would contain the regional detention basin; and the remaining 9.4 acres would remain private open space.

A fair amount of time during the meeting was spent discussing how the soccer field, in particular, would be used. Would it be a recreation site only for residents of Pulte Homes and Griggs Farm, as Griggs Farm residents desired? Or would it be open to the wider Princeton community?

New Open Space

Pulte Attorney Thomas J. Hall said the initial impetus to provide the recreation facilities came from members of Township Committee and the Planning Board. "This seemed a good place to provide neighborhood-oriented facilities," Mr. Hall said. "The concern has been strongly expressed by the Griggs Farm Neighborhood Association that they don't want this to be a magnet facility drawing people from everywhere."

He pointed out, however, that once the playing fields were in the hands of Princeton Township, Pulte would have no control over them.

Borough Mayor Marvin Reed asked his Township counterpart, Phyllis Marchand, whether the park containing the recreation facilities would be maintained by the Joint Recreation Department or by the Township Public Works Department. He gave Marquand Park as an example of a Borough park that is maintained by the Borough, yet is also used for Recreation Department programs.

"I don't have the answer to that," said Mayor Marchand. "How the park will be utilized will be decided by Township Committee and the Recreation Department. If it is maintained by the Township it really would be a neighborhood field. I'm not saying that Borough residents shouldn't be allowed on it, but when we talked about it, it was for residents of Griggs Farm and Pulte."

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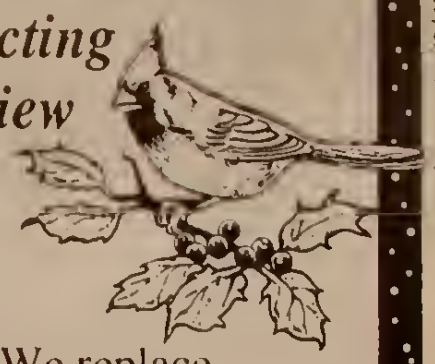

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Methodist Church to Be Home to Catholic Sch'l

The new Catholic boys' school scheduled to open this fall as a companion school to the all-girls' Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart, will hold classes in the Montgomery United Methodist Church (Belle Mead) for its first year.

The school's board of trustees announced the site at an open house for prospective students and their parents, held at Stuart on January 23. At the same time, the board also introduced Oren Kalkus, founding headmaster of the school, known as Princeton Academy of the Sacred Heart.

Mr. Kalkus is currently finishing his fifth year as Upper School principal at the American International School in Prague, Czech Republic.

Plans call for the boys' academy to open with 40 to 60 students in grades K-2. Applicants will be screened next month and notified of their status by March 15.

The school will expand to grades K-8, as soon as possible. The board plans eventually to purchase property and construct its own building, according to board chairman Steven DeRochi.

Planning Board

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Tot Lots

For those youngsters to whom soccer and basketball are still years away, Pulte will provide two tot lots. It had suggested building just one, to be placed near the park, but agreed with the Planning Board's suggestion that a second tot lot should be constructed within the development's inner area.

The Planning Board heard the Pulte request for final major site plan approval in November, but had postponed a decision at that time.

At last week's meeting, it was reported that Pulte had agreed to extend the site's bike paths and walking trails, provide sidewalks on both sides of the street throughout the development, increase the size of the buffer along Cherry Valley Road, stagger the rows of townhouses, begin a traffic study, and provide improvements on Cherry Valley Road identical to those along the Griggs Farm property.

Jim Mahon, a resident of Herrontown Road, spoke in opposition to the Pulte application. He said there were not enough athletic facilities in Princeton for children, and that the Pulte development could add another 158 children. "It is also taking up open space that could be used for [playing] fields," he said.

He added that no athletic fields were provided by the Ettl Farm Development, although it added more children to the system.

Approval Granted

At the end of the meeting, the Planning Board voted to grant preliminary site plan approval for the entire Pulte development and final approval for Phase One. This phase will consist of 21 single family homes and 42 townhouses, as well as the park.

The Board also granted three variances.

The first two permit encroachments in the buffer along Cherry Valley Road and a reduction in setback between the northern side of the soccer field and the parking area. The third allows a sign to be placed in the right-of-way.

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Princeton Professor Wins 1999 Wolf Mathematics Prize

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The prize recognized Prof. Stein for his "fundamental contributions" to developing methods for analyzing wave energies, such as light and sound.

The Wolf Foundation, an Israeli group that awards several prizes in the arts and sciences, also applauded Prof. Stein for his "exceptional impact on a new generation of analysts through his eloquent teaching and writing."

Many of Prof. Stein's students, including Princeton mathematics professor Charles Fefferman, have gone on to become leaders in mathematical analysis.

Princeton faculty have now won the Wolf Prize in mathematics for each of the last three years it was given. Yakov Sinai was a recipient in 1997; Andrew Wiles won in 1996. The prize was not given in mathematics in 1998. Prof. Stein shared this year's pride with Laszlo Lovasz of Yale University.

Prof. Stein has spent much of his career studying and improving upon a mathematical technique called Fourier analysis. The method, invented by the 19th-century French mathematician J.B.J. Fourier, allows scientists to understand the harmonic content of waveforms.

Elias Stein

Prof. Stein, 68, is Princeton's Albert Baldwin Dod professor of mathematics. He was born in Belgium and received his BA and Ph.D. degrees the University of Chicago, where he taught until coming to Princeton in 1963.

In 1993, he won the Schock Prize, another prestigious award, given by the Swedish Academy of Sciences. He has been a member of the National Academy of Sciences and the Institute for Advanced Study.

The late German-born diplomat Ricardo Wolf established the Wolf Prize in 1978. The prize, which includes a gift of $100,000, is awarded to outstanding scientists and artists "for achievement in the interest of mankind and friendly relations among people."

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Community Foundation Invites Grant Proposals

The Princeton Area Community Foundation (PACF) is accepting proposals for its Greater Mercer Grants. Applicants must demonstrate that their programs serve the neediest of the needy in greater Mercer County; involve participants, local residents, and businesses; and work in collaboration with other agencies wherever possible. Grants of up to $10,000 will be awarded. The deadline for applications is April 2, with notification of funding to be made in early June.

Over the years the Foundation has funded a broad range of programs in the areas of education, nutrition, arts and culture, the environment, community development, health care, and family support services, according to Director Nancy Kieling.

PACF holds an endowment made up of 58 individual funds which are invested and professionally managed to benefit greater Mercer County now and in the future. The endowment is currently valued at $7.2 million; in 1998, the Foundation awarded grants totaling more than $567,000.

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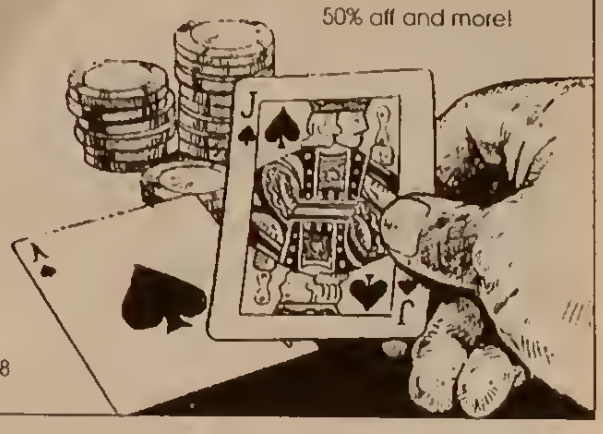

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Finalist for PRS Superintendent Talks About the Issues

Geoffrey Gordon, one of three finalists vying to be superintendent of the Princeton Regional Schools, is a strong advocate for public school education of pre-school children.

He also believes that in the classroom, "It is better to write in Spanish than not to write at all." And he says the best way to reach parents who are not involved in their children's education is to meet them on their own turf.

Dr. Gordon discussed his views on teaching, educational finance, alienation, re-districting, special ed, school fund-raising, diversity — and almost everything else — as he parried questions from members of the community during a two-hour public forum at the John Witherspoon School on Monday, January 25.

The following morning, he met reporters at the PRS administration building, where he elaborated further on his views.

Dr. Gordon, currently superintendent of the New Providence School District, was the first of the three candidates to spend a day in the district getting to know the schools, the community, and the residents.

The other candidates — PRS Acting Superintendent Daniel Swirsky, and Glenn F. Smartschan, superintendent of the Mt. Lebanon (Pa.) school district — will meet the community on January 27 and January 28, respectively. Forums will be held at the John Witherspoon Middle School, each day, starting at 8 p.m.

Dr. Gordon's comment about pre-school education was triggered by a resident's question on how he would deal with the fact that Princeton has too few minority students in advanced placement courses and too many in special education and remedial courses.

He explained that often, minority children — or those who don't speak English at home — start out "behind the eight ball." Such children, he said, become "categorized before they even have a chance."

Pre-school education in the public schools would provide all children with a "running start," he said. It should be instituted across the state — and funded by the state, he insisted, for the benefit of *every* child. Pre-school education is a way in which a district like Princeton with a "spectrum of needs" can address them all, he told reporters.

In his own district, he said, there is no testing of kindergarten and first grade children. Instead, each child is assessed by "portfolio," or class performance in reading and writing.

Maureen Quirk, a Charter School founder, questioned what could be done about Middle School and High School students who were falling behind.

"We need to get an assessment of *why*," Dr. Gordon responded. "If there is a language deficiency, we need to provide supplemental types of programs. Children should be assessed one on one."

Laura Spear, a member of the minority education committee, challenged Dr. Gordon to institute such programs if he became district superintendent. "I don't want to see more children fail because some children have computers at home and others have none," she said. "If you're not really committed, your life will be miserable in this district!"

That brought Dr. Gordon to the subject of trust. He was prepared, he said, to reach out to parents. "A lot of parents are too intimidated to talk to the superintendent and other administrators," he pointed out. "Superintendents should go directly to communities where people live. If I'm selected, I hope you will give me a chance to earn your trust."

He stressed the importance of "moving the top students up, expanding the middle, and eliminating the lower level."

Every student, the superintendent said, should have an opportunity to excel in a particular area. He talked about the "bridge classes" he initiated in his own district four years ago, in which students who need remedial help are not "pulled out" — and thus stigmatized, but attend supplemental classes as part of the regular curriculum along with others who have similar needs.

He advocated, also, encouraging students to write in their own language, as a bridge to full participation in mainstream education.

The system works, he pointed out, citing the fact that during his term as superintendent, the percentage of high school graduates going on to four-year colleges rose from 61.6 percent to 82 percent; and the percentage of students pursuing some kind of further education rose from 78 percent to 97 percent.

Per Pupil Cost

Another impressive statistic, which some residents questioned, was that the per pupil cost of education in New Providence dropped by about $1,000 during Dr. Gordon's tenure — which began in 1994.

One way to achieve savings, he suggested, is to get local corporations to help fund district education. "A lot of things can be realized through non-taxpayer-based financing," he stated. During his superintendency, he pointed out, the New Providence school system received more than $1.5 million in revenues and in-kind gifts from local businesses and corporations.

Corporations can help the schools provide bridges, as well, he noted. "Get students involved in the corporate environment. Where release time for them to work in banks, hospitals, pharmaceutical companies would help keep them in school, arrange it," he directed, as an alternative to

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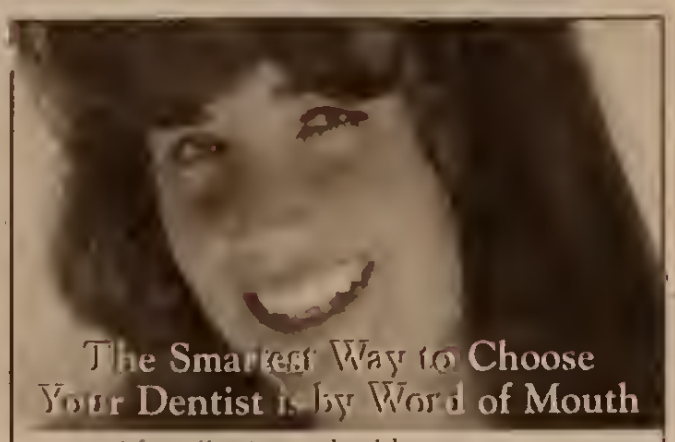

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SUPERINTENDENT CANDIDATE: Geoffrey Gordon, superintendent of the New Providence school district, a candidate for superintendent of the Princeton Regional Schools, met with residents in a public forum on January 25.

Superintendent Candidate

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seeking funding for vocational courses.

Tony Marchetta, a parent, noted that re-districting has been debated as a way to insure equality among the schools. "Have you dealt with re-districting?" he asked Dr. Gordon point blank.

Dr. Gordon replied that in New Providence, where there are 1,900 students in two elementary schools, a middle school, and a high school, the district is "balanced." He said he would need to weigh the situation with the board and parents before he could comment.

Mr. Marchetta then noted that one casualty of frequent turnover in the PRS superintendent's office has been long-range planning. "What would be your criteria for re-districting?" he pursued.

"The number of students in each school, class sizes, demographics, and educational programs," Dr. Gordon answered, stressing once again that he needed more time to familiarize himself with issues in Princeton.

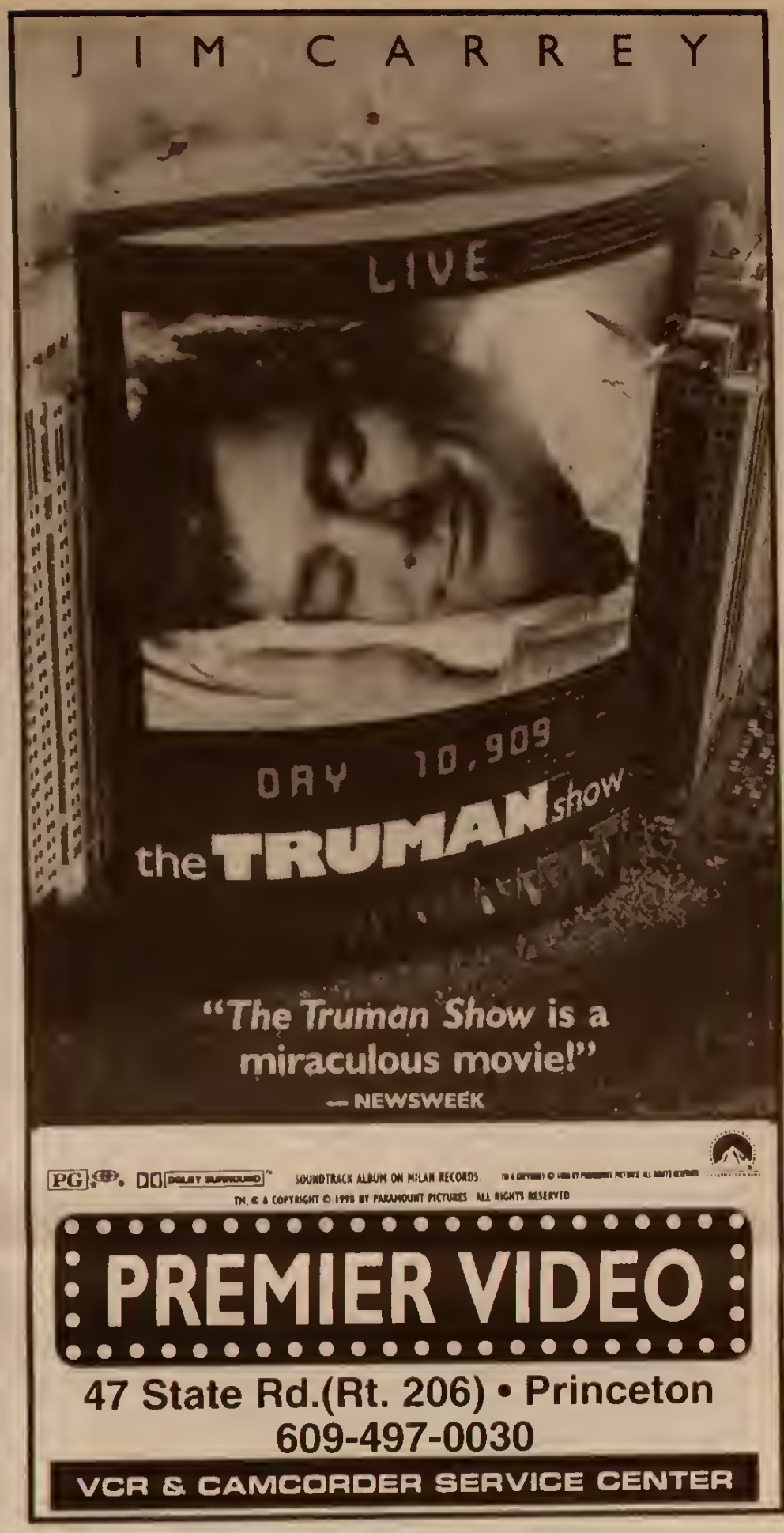
Ron Plummer, an African American, mentioned that 40 percent of the black male students at the high school are in special education classes. "What experiences do you have in dealing with cultural alienation?" he demanded.

Dr. Gordon did not respond directly, but said he would emphasize the strengths of various groups in the district and attempt to "get everyone to share." He said it was important to teach, not only respect for one another, but also the "good" aspects of every culture.

The New Providence district, smaller than Princeton, is also not as diverse. According to Dr. Gordon, 19 foreign languages are spoken in the New Providence schools. In Princeton, the total is well over 40.

When asked by a reporter why he had applied for the Princeton position, Dr. Gordon said PRS was representative of the nation as it moves into the 21st Century. "Any educator would consider it a wonderful challenge to lead the schools."

A decision on the superintendent is expected within two weeks, according to board members. **—Anne Rivera**



Boychoir School Sued by Parents Of Student Who Was Molested

The parents of a recent graduate of the American Boychoir School recently sued the institution, claiming that while their son was in sixth grade there, school officials failed to protect him from an older roommate with a known history of sexual misconduct who molested him.

The lawsuit, which was filed in Mercer County Superior Court on January 19, also says the school failed to notify the victim's parents, police and child welfare authorities once the abuse was discovered.

Andy Williams, spokesperson for the state Division of Youth and Family Services, said state law requires that they be informed when a child has been abused. He could not say whether the Boychoir School had done so because he is not allowed to comment on specific cases.

No Comment

School officials would not comment on the specifics of the case, but President John H. Ellis II issued a press release on the same day the suit was filed which stated that: the incidents were first reported to the school's headmaster in May of 1996; the offending student was expelled; and parents were "quickly" notified.

The plaintiffs are a couple from Naperville, Ill. who filed suit on behalf of their son, who was 11 when the incidents occurred. Despite the incident, he returned to the school and graduated with his class in 1998, a school official said.

The complaint says that school officials should have known that the older boy (referred to as Student Doe No. 1) was a risk because, in September 1995, he fondled a student other than their son while that student was sleeping.

According to the suit, officials soon learned of this incident but allowed Student Doe No. 1 to remain enrolled, provided he underwent psychological counseling. The plaintiffs say neither they nor authorities were notified about the September incident.

They also say the school failed to take significant steps to prevent such events from happening again, such as removing Student Doe No. 1 from the Ettl Hall dorm room he shared with two younger boys. The complaint says the school paid for Student Doe No. 1's counseling.

Between September 1995 and May 1996, the lawsuit says, Student Doe No. 1 engaged his roommates in games of "Truth or Dare" which led to sexual acts. According to the complaint, Student Doe No. 1 would also initiate sexual contact without the pretense of the game.

The plaintiffs claim unidentified students told the school's headmaster, Thomas E. Thompson, about the incidents in April while Student Doe No. 1 was away on a singing tour. They say Mr. Thompson asked for further proof but took no action at that time.

In May, the victim told Mr. Thompson about the abuse, according to the complaint. Shortly afterward, Student Doe No. 1 was expelled. The plaintiffs say they did not learn about the incident from school officials, but from their son in mid-May.

Along with the school the suit names Mr. Ellis, Mr. Thompson and four other school employees. The American Boychoir School was founded in 1937 and is located on Lambert Drive. This year's enrollment is 81 boys, who come from 22 states and Canada. The school teaches grades five through eight.

Parents Supportive

Don Edwards, the school's Vice President for Institutional Advancement, was unable to answer questions about the facts of the case but said the parents he had spoken to so far were very supportive and tend to be very involved with the school.

"Sending a fifth, sixth, seventh or eighth grader to boarding school is not a decision they take lightly," he said. "They need to have a high degree of confidence in the staff, faculty and administration and I've seen no sign so far of this undermining that confidence."

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Stop on Spring St. Leads to Arrest On Three Warrants

A 28-year-old woman from North Brunswick was stopped on Spring Street the afternoon of January 20, after an MDT check revealed the owner of the 1997 Plymouth she was driving had a suspended license.

Monica VanPelt gave the officer a fake name, police said, but investigation revealed her real name and the fact that she was wanted on motor vehicle warrants from Milburn, East Orange and Union Townships. She received a March 8 court date for the Borough charges and was released after posting $646 bail for the warrants.

A 23-year-old student from Texas and a 19-year-old student from Linden were arrested the night of January 23, after a Borough officer saw the older student hand the younger one a shopping bag full of beer, police said.

Ronald Calhoun was charged with providing alcohol to a minor. Jason Ford was charged with possession of alcohol by a minor. Both attend Rider University.

A 28-year-old Lytle Street man was arrested for giving beer to a 19-year-old Clay Street man around 7:17 p.m. January 20, police said. Gerald Cunningham was charged with purchasing alcohol for a minor. Darrell Newlin was charged with possession of alcohol by a minor.

Two hubcaps with a combined value of $200 were swiped from a 1974 Mercedes Benz that was parked in the YMCA lot between 5:45 January 21 and 8 a.m. the next day.

Three vehicles were vandalized in Princeton Community Village recently. Somebody scratched the fenders and doors, and slashed the left front tire of a 1996 Toyota parked on Red Oak Row between 6:30 p.m. January 24 and 6:30 a.m. January 25. One rear tire of a 1990 Toyota was slashed while it was parked on Sassafras Row between 5 p.m. January 19 and 8:12 a.m. January 20. And a 1991 Honda had two tires slashed while it was parked on Sassafras Row between 9 p.m. January 19 and 7:30 a.m. the next morning.

Somebody took a wallet containing anywhere from $300 to $350 from the jacket of a McCaffrey's employee that was hanging in the employee's coat-room between 2 and 6 p.m. January 18.

Talk on Testing Set by Parents Group

The Parents Association of Princeton Area Independent Schools (PAPAIS) has announced the second speaker in their CommonGround series.

On Tuesday, February 2, Dr. Regan Kenyon, CEO and President of Secondary School Admission Test Board, will present "ERB, SSAT, PSAT, SAT: Making Sense of Standardized Testing."

The event, to be held at The Lawrenceville School's Kirby Arts Center, will answer many of the questions that are on the minds of parents and help their sons and daughters be better players in the admissions game.

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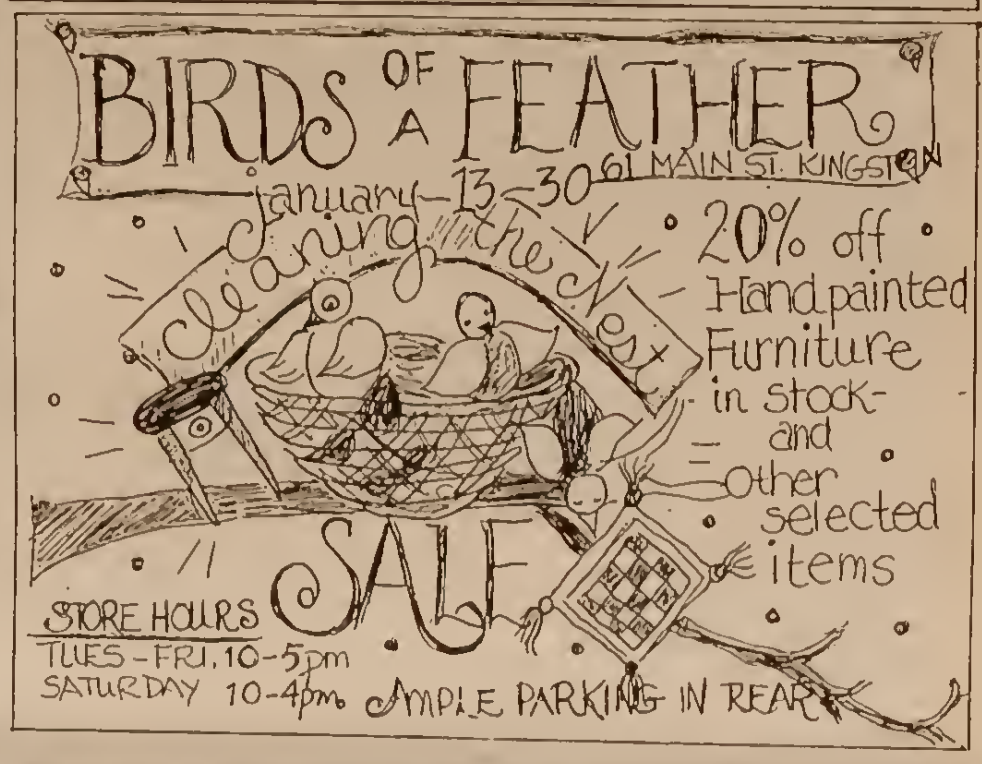

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Budget Is Adopted By the University; Fees Will Rise

The Trustees of Princeton University have adopted an operating budget that increases student fees for the 1999-2000 academic year by 3.5 percent, a drop from last year's 3.7 percent increase and the lowest percentage increase in more than 30 years. The $614 million budget is projected to be in balance.

The trustees acted January 23 on budget recommendations prepared by the University Priorities Committee — a group of faculty, students and staff — and approved by the University president. The new budget continues the University's commitment to align increases in fees with the rate of growth in family income. This is the second year of a financial aid initiative in which Princeton is reducing or eliminating student loan requirements for families from lower- and middle-income groups, replacing the loans with additional grants.

Princeton also is reducing the amount it expects a family to pay for students on financial aid by removing or reducing the contribution expected from home equity in its financial aid calculations. Princeton began phasing in these new policies with this year's freshman class; the initiative is expected to cost $6 million per year by the time it has been applied to all four undergraduate classes in fiscal year 2002.

Princeton's undergraduate charges will increase to $31,599 next year. Tuition will be $24,630, an increase of 3.4 percent; the room charge will be $3,262, an increase of 6 percent, and board charges will be $3,707, a 2 percent increase. Graduate tuition also will be $24,630; room and board charges will vary according to students residential and dining plans, but will increase by 3.4 percent. However, $125,000 has been added to the budget for graduate student stipends to offset the increase in room and rental charges; the average stipend should increase by an amount sufficient to cover higher living costs.

The trustees also approved an additional enhancement to Princeton's financial aid program. Princeton's policy has been to split the benefits of an outside scholarship with a student: i.e., roughly half of outside scholarship funds go to reduce a student's self-help (loan or job expectations), while the rest replace Princeton's own grant awards.

The new policy will mean that, beginning with the Class of 2003, 100 percent of an outside scholarship will go to replace self-help until the student no longer has a loan or job; only at that point will outside awards begin to replace Princeton grants. This change in policy is expected to cost approximately $75,000 per class per year.

The introduction of new financial aid policies in January 1998 came too late to influence the applicant pool of this year's freshman class, but it did significantly affect enrollment decisions. Compared to the previous class, 86 more aid students enrolled. Of admitted students who required financial aid, 66 percent chose to come to Princeton, as opposed to 60 percent the year before.

The effect was sufficient to restore the percentage of students on aid in the entering class to Princeton's traditional level of 43 percent after declines in the previous two years.

Also, beginning next year, financial aid for graduate students will be strengthened with $140,000 allocated for the Presidential Fellows Program, which provides fellowship support for women in the sciences and engineering and underrepresented minorities in all fields.

Among other initiatives approved in the 1999-2000 budget are: additional funds for Library acquisitions and the popular Freshman Seminars Program; funds to staff and provide program support for the Frist Campus Center, which is expected to open in the summer of 2002; support for dance instruction in the Program in Theatre and Dance; and funds for the continuing education program coordinated by the Office of Community and State Affairs, for the University-wide celebration commemorating the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and for the activities of the Office of Government Affairs in Washington, D.C.

Together, these initiatives will add $385,000 to the operating budget.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY LECTURER: Roger W. Moss, who is executive director of The Athenaeum of Philadelphia, author and lecturer on historic sites and furnishings in America. Mr. Moss will present a slide lecture on "Historic Houses of Philadelphia," following the annual meeting of the Historical Society of Princeton at 8 p.m., Thursday, January 28. The public is invited. For information, call 921-6748.

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Rating the Governor

A new poll, largely completed before NJ Governor Christine Whitman's State-of-the-State address, finds little change since last year in her job performance rating (good, but not great), or the number of state residents who feel she can point to major accomplishments (about one in four).

Few in the state feel that the governor has brought about a major reduction in the taxes people pay, but many see positive movement in that direction. The majority believe, as well, that the governor has a clear vision on how to make the state a better place to live.

The latest Star-Ledger/Eagleton Poll finds that Governor Whitman would run a close race for the seat currently held by Frank Lautenberg, should she decide to run for the Senate in the year 2000, as would former Governor Tom Kean.

These are some of the main findings of a statewide survey of 800 residents conducted between January 7 and 13. The poll also indicates that Democrats may be gaining strength in the state.

Limiting Charter Schools

A school-choice bill that many feel would put an end to the growing charter school movement in New Jersey has been approved by the state Assembly Appropriations Committee.

The legislation would set up a five-year pilot program to allow parents to send their children, tuition-free, out of their home districts. Selected districts that volunteered would take additional students in exchange for increased state aid.

The bill includes a clause limiting the number of students leaving for charter schools, at 7 percent of a district's total enrollment.

State Education Commissioner Leo Klagholz is scheduled to decide on 34 new applications for charter schools within the next few weeks.

Minor Buyer Beware

Legislation that would make it illegal for minors to buy tobacco or tobacco products or to possess them on public property was released by the state Assembly Health Committee last week. As the law is currently written, the merchant who sells tobacco to minors — rather than the buyer — is liable.

Under the proposed legislation, minors who were found guilty would be required to attend a tobacco education program on the first offense. For a second offense, they would have to perform 15 hours of community service.

The legislation also provides $500,000 to the state Department of Health and Senior Services for each county to develop anti-smoking programs. Nineteen municipalities in New Jersey already ban the use or possession of tobacco in public by minors.

Arts Council Fund Receives 2 $50,000 Challenge Grants

The capital campaign for the construction of a new addition to the Arts Council and the renovation of its present building began the year approximately $700,000 short of its $3.5 million goal.

As an impetus to a successful conclusion of the campaign, Mrs. David Rogers has offered the clay and sculpture studio a challenge grant of $50,000. The Arts Council is seeking matching funds of $100,000 from the community by March 31 to complete the endowment of this studio.

The expanded facility will double the studio space, and state-of-the-art equipment as well as gallery and artist-in-residence space will be added.

Plohn Family Gift

A Student Gallery and Visual Competition has been created by a gift from Charles Plohn and his children, Chandler and Charles R. Plohn.

They have offered a gift of $50,000 to be matched by $100,000 from the community by June 30, which is the official close of the fund raising campaign.

The competition will be open to area students who will be encouraged to submit their works individually, through school art classes, or through art programs.

The planned addition, to be designed by Michael Graves, will more than double the size of the present Arts Council, to 21,130 square feet. It will contain a new public entrance, lobby, 200-seat sloped floor theater, exhibit gallery, classroom studio, library, and informal exhibition space.

The structure facing the corner of Paul Robeson Place and Witherspoon Street will be a 12-sided pavilion that will be covered in blue glazed tiles. Rising from the center of the roof will be a slender tower/lantern. The balance of the addition will be red brick.

The Regional Planning Board held a concept review on the addition in December. The Arts Council is expected to return shortly for final site plan approval.

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The women — along with seven other outstanding women to be honored — will be introduced at a press breakfast at the Princeton Hyatt Regency on February 17. All were chosen for their professional and personal accomplishments and dedication to community betterment.

More than 200 people are expected to attend the award ceremony, to be held at the New Brunswick corporate headquarters of Johnson & Johnson, sponsor of the event on March 24.

Ms. Cole, a Princeton resident, will be honored for her outstanding achievements in the world of corporate leadership. Once an intern at Educational Testing Service (ETS), Ms. Cole now serves as the first female and fourth president ever in the company's 50-year history.

Nationally known as an expert in test fairness, Ms. Cole is leading ETS towards new forms of testing that rely on technology — away from the familiar multiple choice formats, dependent on paper and pencil. The new tests are completed through computer technology, performance evaluations, and direct links to learning experiences.

Ms. Cole has said that her two primary goals for ETS are to unleash the talents of ETS's staff to address needs and create new types of tests; and to use technology to effectively create and administer the tests.

Her record as a scholar and policy adviser in the field of assessment was recognized in 1988, when Ms. Cole was elected president of the American Educational Research Association. She is a member of the National Academy of Education and a Fellow of the American Psychological Association.

Cecelia B. Hodges, Princeton Junction, will be honored for her place in the world of the arts. Ms. Hodges has distinguished herself in both education and entertainment.

After earning her Ph.D. degree from Northwestern University, Ms. Hodges became a tenured associate professor in Speech and Dramatic Art at Douglass College, Rutgers University. She later taught in the English Department at Princeton University.

Ms. Hodges' career has recently shifted to a concentration on performing arts. In one-woman shows for the Theatre Guild of New Jersey's Traveling Division, she brings heroic African-American figures like Sojourner Truth and Paul Robeson to life. Ms. Hodges directs the Borough's Witherspoon Verse Speaking Choir; she also appears in the Oprah Winfrey film *Beloved*.

Each of the honorees will receive a crystal Tiffany paperweight at the awards ceremony. The evening will include a cocktail hour, dinner, and video presentation.

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In addition to its regular schedule of introductory Internet classes, the Library has just announced a special Winter Series of four subject-specific classes called "Finding it on the Web."

The topics which will be covered are: Health and Wellness Information; Business Information for the Consumer; Researching Your Family Tree; and Government and Income Tax Information. Each class in this series is one hour in length.

Participants can sign up for the entire series or just for the classes that interest them the most. The classes in this series will be held on the first and third Thursdays of the month during February and March in the library's Computer Training Center.

There will be afternoon and evening sessions of each class—at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Pre-registration is required. You can register at the library's information desk or by calling 924-9529.

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Biological Warfare Will Be Addressed By "Hot Zone" Author

A discussion on biological warfare, led by best-selling author Richard Preston, author of *The Hot Zone* and Ken Alibek, former chief scientist of the USSR's biological weapons program, will take place Thursday, January 28, at 8:30 in McCosh 50 on the Princeton University campus.

The discussion is part of a symposium on "Mechanisms of Pathogenesis," sponsored by Princeton University's Department of Molecular Biology.

Dr. Alibek, who defected to the United States after serving for over 20 years with the Soviet Union's secret Biopreparat germ warfare program, will for the first time join a public discussion on the Soviet Union's germ warfare initiative.

The program, called the largest and most advanced of its kind, was created to develop and produce biological weapons of mass destruction designed to be detonated over cities such as New York and Los Angeles.

Anthrax, smallpox and Marburg Virus biological weapons were among those reputed to have been created, with the potential to kill millions. While the program is no longer officially engaged in researching and developing offensive biological weapons, it is feared that scientists associated with the program may be for-hire to rogue nations and terrorists, and some believe the Soviet program has not completely ceased.

The epidemics caused by detonated biological weapons would have the potential to devastate populations in ways reminiscent of the plagues of the Middle Ages. Richard Preston depicts just such a possibility in his new book *The Cobra Event*, a tale of biological terrorism that took Preston nearly three years to research, including interviews with the FBI, the Pentagon, the Centers for Disease Control and intelligence officers and scientists in foreign governments.

The discussion is part of a conference that will address the identification of mechanisms by which microorganisms and parasites cause disease. Among the topics covered will be emerging diseases and how existing disease organisms are evolving to evade current drugs. The symposium will take place Thursday, January 28, through Friday, January 29.

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Trenton Fund Awards Total More than $113K

In December, the Princeton Area Community Foundation, in collaboration with the Harbourton Foundation, awarded more than $113,000 to 18 non-profit organizations from its Trenton Fund endowment — a fund established by two Princeton donors in 1995, to improve the lives of residents in Trenton. A reception honoring the 1998 recipients was held at the Rescue Mission of Trenton.

Organizations that received grants of up to $10,000 each were Affordable Housing Network of New Jersey; Artworks; Habitat for Humanity; HomeFront; Mercer Street Friends Food Cooperative; Mount Carmel Guild Emergency Assistance Program; Newgrange School; NJ Council for the Humanities; Notre Dame High School; Passage Theatre Company; Prevention Education; Princeton Day School; Rescue Mission of Trenton; Rider University; Trees for Trenton; Trenton Area Soup Kitchen; Trenton Community Music School; and Young Scholars' Institute.

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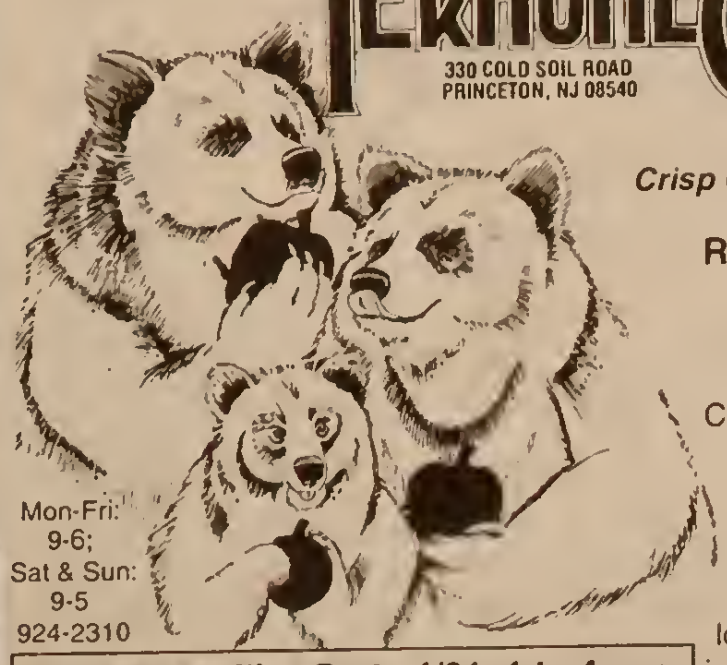

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Home Care Plan For the Elderly To Expand to Area

Friends Life Care at Home, a Quaker-sponsored health-care program that focuses on home-based services for the elderly, as opposed to retirement community living, will expand into New Jersey this month — starting with the central part of the state.

A series of no-cost, informational seminars about the program will take place beginning in late January. The initial meetings — at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. — are scheduled for January 27 and February 4, at the National Conference Center in the Ramada Inn, East Windsor.

Other meetings will follow in Princeton, at the New Jersey Hospital Association's Conference Center on Alexander Road — on February 11 and February 16.

The non-profit Friends Life Care group has served the Greater Philadelphia area for nine years. It has been in Delaware since last year. The organization has created a subsidiary, Friends Life Care at Home of New Jersey, and named longtime healthcare administrator and Somerset resident Frank J. Brady, as executive director.

"The success of this program," according to Mr. Brady, "is based on providing an independent lifestyle for seniors who can retire in their own homes or apartments with a lifetime commitment of quality health and support services." Membership in the group is open to those who are at least 60 years of age and are in reasonably good health.

In this progam, according to Mr. Brady, member services include nurses, companions, homemakers, meals, and an emergency response system — as well as care, if required, in an assisted-living and skilled nursing facility.

The program is the first of its kind in the country. Its launch in 1990 was preceded by five years of study, funded in part by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

For more information about the seminar and program operations, call 1-877-352-2465.

Arts Council to Hold Valentine Workshop

The 14th annual Valentine Workshop will be held on Saturday, February 6, at the Arts Council of Princeton, 102 Witherspoon Street.

The workshop will meet in memory of Betty Ruth Curtis, a Princeton artist remembered for her sharing of innovative and fanciful artistic gifts with the community.

Two sessions will be available: 10 to 11:30, or 12 to 1:30. The entire community — the young and the young at heart — is invited to join in the Valentine-making. Any child under seven must be accompanied by an adult.

A contribution of $3 per person, for both adults and children, is requested; and reservations are required. Supplies will be provided by friends and local merchants.

For more information — or to make a reservation — call the Arts Council, 924-8777.

Winter Preschool Series Under Way at Watershed

The Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association, located on Titus Mill Road in Hopewell Township, is offering a series of winter programs for preschool children aged 3 to 5. Three-year-olds must be accompanied by an adult.

Preschoolers are invited to share the wonders of nature through a variety of educational programs. Children can be registered for one or all programs of the series. Program dates and topics are subject to change depending on the weather.

"Things That Glitter" is on February 9. The group will explore the trails and marvel at the shapes and patterns that ice and frost heave create. They will make a glittery design and play in the snow if the is any on the ground.

On February 23 "Reptiles Are Fun" begins with a story. Children will meet the resident reptiles at the Nature Center and make a fun reptile craft. The final program of the winter series is "Cozy Homes" on March 2. Children will hike the trails comparing their homes to the animal homes they discover. The session concludes with a craft.

Meet at the Buttinger Nature Center near the Main Office building. Pre-registration is required and enrollment is limited. Fee are $5 for members and $8 for non-members per session.

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True Utility Rate Reform Endangered As We Bail Out Stranded Investments

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

The citizens of New Jersey deserve real utility rate reform and they deserve it now. Unfortunately, they don't receive it from legislation (SS/A10) currently racing its way through the state legislature. What started as a laudable attempt to introduce competition as a force for lowering utility rates, has now turned into an intensive care package for moribund utility corporations. The promised rate reduction for residential customers is hamstrung with so many conditions that it is questionable whether we will ever see any real reduction of rates. At the same time, the utilities are guaranteed a windfall bailout of up to $9 billion dollars.

The bill endangers true utility rate reform by making ratepayers pay billions in a "market transition charge" (MTC) for so-called stranded investments by the utilities. Deregulation is not something that came along yesterday. Many of these stranded investments exist because utilities refused to accept the signs of future competition and a changing industry from as long as 20 years ago. Their failure to use common sense in planning for a competitive environment should be the companies' responsibility and not the ratepayers.

A critical problem with the legislation is the over reliance on the Board of Public Utilities (BPU) to set rules and control the rate reduction process. Aside from a record that indicates a much too cozy relationship with the utilities it regulates, there is an added concern about giving the Board this responsibility. There is no question that the Board has been short a full complement of commissioners for several years now. Aside from one actual vacancy, another commissioner is serving in a "holdover" capacity.

Under the current conditions, giving the Board such wide discretion in deciding the amount of so-called "stranded investment" that utilities can recoup virtually guarantees that ratepayers will pay billions for bad business decisions and abysmal business planning by the utilities. It is probably true that some allowance for recovery of stranded investment ought to be allowed. This bill goes too far and allows the legislature to abrogate its responsibility for establishing clear and stringent standards that place the bulk of the responsibility for stranded investments where they belong, on the utilities themselves.

The fact is that we are paying some of the highest energy rates in the nation because of the poor judgement of our state's electric industry. One need look no further than the harebrained scheme to float a nuclear power plant in the Atlantic Ocean off Atlantic City back in the 1970's for an example of a bad decision we are still paying for as ratepayers. On top of that, because the BPU has often failed to adequately challenge the state's utilities to operate in a more responsible fashion, its own credibility has been compromised. The utilities now argue that because the BPU approved the projects and costs they now seek to have recouped, they therefore retain no responsibility for their own actions. That is ridiculous. The utilities know that bad decisions do not become good decisions just because of a BPU review.

S5/A10 sends the message that the less effort a company makes getting ready for competition the more it gets to milk the ratepayers. The ratepayers of New Jersey don't get a bonus when they make a mistake at work and they shouldn't have to reward utilities with billions of dollars for making some of the biggest mistakes possible.

I suspect that Thomas Edison is rolling over in his grave at the muddle this bill would make of our electric and gas utilities in New Jersey. For these reasons I voted against this bill in its first go around in the Senate and I will continue to oppose it unless it is amended to generate a true rate reduction in a responsible, fair and prudent way.

SHIRLEY K. TURNER
N.J. State Senator, 15th District

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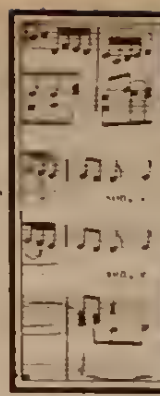

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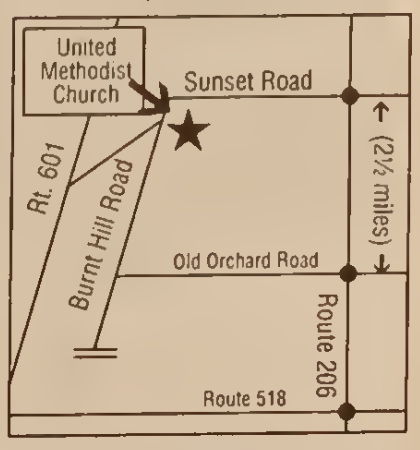

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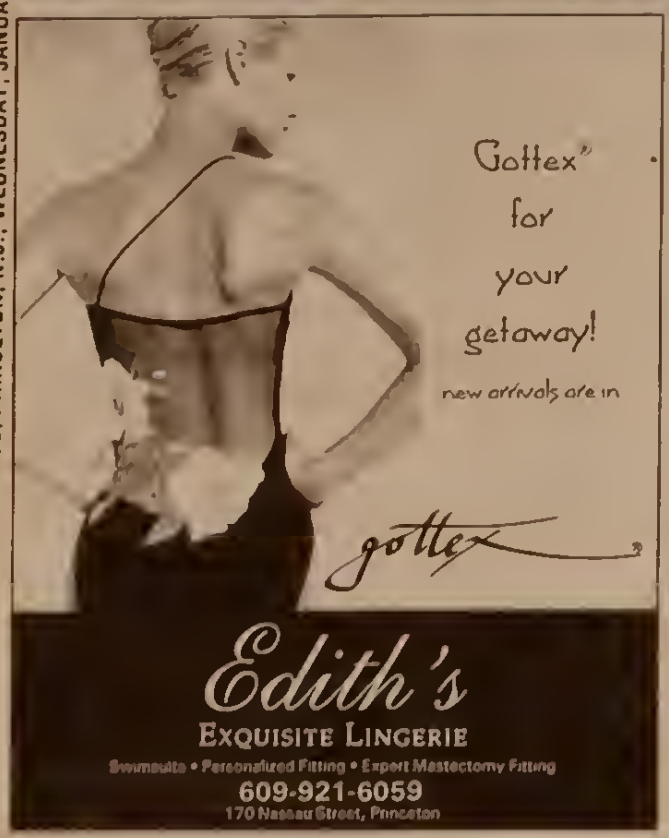

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To the Editor of Town Topics:

This letter is to the many citizens of Princeton and the surrounding communities who contacted and supported me in response to my letter in TOWN TOPICS, 9/23/98.

Re: Ptl. David Kimak of Princeton Borough Police Department for ticketing me for going through a stop sign on Quarry Street, knowing full well that I did stop. I of course protested and filed harassment charges. Mind you, I have been stopping at this sign for 28 years and that is approximately 27½ years before Ptl. Kimak took his oath, swearing to tell the truth.

My case, first scheduled for October 6, 1998 at the Princeton Municipal Court was postponed and then transferred to Lawrence Township by Judge Annich because of a conflict of interest, but at the same time, Judge Annich did find probable cause for my harassment charges against Ptl. Kimak.

Two weeks before my new court date of January 13, I was informed by Judge Catanese [brought in from Middlesex County] that I would have to have two lawyers; one to handle the alleged traffic violation, and one to handle the harassment charge. I told Judge Catanese at that time that there was no way I could afford two lawyers. (I would also at this time like to thank Ovie Lattimore for handling (pro bono) the harassment charge. But not to fret, I am given an offer I cannot refuse, defend yourself — against Ptl. Kimak, a prosecutor and an attorney, all paid for by our tax dollars.

Ptl. Kimak's explanation for following me four blocks before pulling up behind me in my mother's driveway (a private street and residence) with flashing lights was because of the way "I looked at him." In Ptl. Kimak's words, "a police officer learns certain looks." Did my certain looks tell him that if he followed me for four blocks, I would not be stopping at the Quarry Street stop sign? Amazing! My question today is for the Princeton Borough Police Department. Is it procedure to follow a person because you did not like the way they "looked at you?" Have we reached a point in Princeton that "the cat cannot look at the King or Queen," or just not look at Ptl. Kimak?

Would I be so stupid as to go through a stop sign with a police officer behind me and his outright lie that, "he had pulled over on Quarry Street to talk to some children, thus he was four lengths behind me when he saw me go through the stop sign."

Ptl. Kimak never pulled over to "talk to any children." He was always, always right behind me. If Ptl. Kimak followed any closer, he would have been in front of me.

With Ptl. Kimak's experienced defense team, I was found guilty and fined $80. Ptl. Kimak was out that lovely Sunday morning trying to make points, and he did. Unfortunately, the points are in my name. The harassment charge was also thrown out since it was contingent upon the violation charge. I would love to appeal this ruling; however without the funds for representation, I am forced to pay the fine and get on with my life.

I would however like for all Princeton Borough motorists to know that you can be harassed, ticketed and fined, simply for the way you "look at" Ptl. Kimak. If you find it hard to believe this claim, I encourage you to review a copy of the court transcript at the Lawrence Township Violation Bureau, dated: 1-13-99 and read Ptl. Kimak's cockeyed tale.

KIM CRAIG
Maple Terrace

Police and Rescue Squad Action Rescue a Resident Near Death

To the Editor of Town Topics:

On Wednesday, December 30, I became the beneficiary of extremely timely and competent action by four members of the Princeton Police Department, Sergeant Dennis MacManimon and Patrolmen John Furyk, Ron Wohlshlegel and Tony Petracca and by six members of the Princeton First Aid and Rescue Squad: Frank Setnicky, Jay Padulchick. David Levin, Peter Simnon, PJ Williams and Jeff Kutner.

When the patrolmen found me (which wasn't hard to do since, as I understand it, I fell at the head of Palmer Square and right in front of Patrolman Furyk), I had no measurable pulse, and of course no blood was moving to my brain. Patrolman Furyk immediately began mouth to mouth resuscitation.

Within less than three minutes the four police men were supplemented by the Rescue Squad ambulance team and a defibrillator which had enough sock to bring back a horse and surely enough to bring me back. Even as they were performing this vital action they were driving me to the Emergency Room of the Medical Center at Princeton where again I was met with skilled help and concern. In the very few minutes it takes to read this tribute to competency and dedication I was truly brought back from the razor thin line between being alive and having died. (In fact in the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, where I was taken for a pacemaker and defibrillator, my condition was listed as "cardiac death.")

We are very fortunate to live in a community whose public servants so often demonstrate their skill and dedication. I am very grateful and am a living tribute to what they did.

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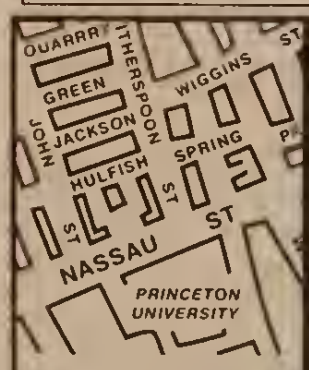

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Information Sought About Two Dogs Who Run Loose South of Princeton

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

I am writing, to alert people who live in the area roughly bounded by Carter Road to the Jasna Polana golf course and Route 206 to Rosedale Road to a dangerous situation, and to ask for their help. There are two large, mostly black dogs running loose who are threatening people and savaging deer. The largest dog appears to be a Rottweiler/black Lab mix, with brown face markings and a squartsh head. The other could be an Australian Shepherd/Lab mix, with some marled gray marking and a white tail tip. One is wearing a collar, and they seem to be in too good a condition to be feral.

I first learned of the dogs a year ago from the men who hunt deer on my land. They had run into the dogs in the woods, and were forced to back off when they began snarling. My barn and pasture land are leased to a woman who boards horses. Last Spring, she heard an animal making strange sounds and, armed with a heavy stick, found the dogs had brought down a deer and were savagely tearing it apart while it was still alive. She managed to drive off the dogs, and called the police to put the deer out of its agony. I very much want the deer over-population thinned, but not this way!

The dogs were last here on Friday, January 15, as evidenced by tracks in the slush in the pasture. Clearly, a deer was being chased by two large dogs, and there were bloody splotches along the trail. Of course, without the snow I have no way of knowing how often the dogs are here and attacking the deer.

Neither the Princeton nor Lawrence Township animal control officers have been able to identify these dogs. Someone must know where these vicious beasts are coming from! They are obviously extremely dangerous and it is my fear that smaller dogs and even children in the area could be at risk. If anyone has any information about these animals, please call the animal control officer either in Lawrence (844-7092) or Princeton (924-2728 or 921-2100).

MARIE LOUISE STOKES
Lawrenceville Road

Dr. Swirsky Does His "Homework"; Deserves Superintendent's Post

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

I am writing this letter, not in my role as PTO president at Princeton High School, but as a parent and community member. Now that the search for our new superintendent has narrowed to three candidates, I would like to express my wholehearted and unconditional support of Dr. Daniel Swirsky, Interim Superintendent of the Princeton Regional Schools.

I have known Dr. Swirsky since he first came to the district in 1995 as business administrator / board secretary. From our very first meeting, he impressed me as being highly intelligent, energetic, and diligent. During his three years in Princeton, he has proved himself to be a superb administrator, and he obviously has his finger on the pulse of the district. Simply put, he listens, he "does his homework," he expedites, and he follows through. Every time I have had the occasion to deal with Dr. Swirsky, I have felt that he carefully evaluated what needed to be done, and to the best of his ability, worked toward the desired result. He is a consummate professional.

Perhaps most important of all, he has vision — exciting vision — and he has the skills and commitment to make the vision a reality. As interim superintendent, he has also built a team of people who share his vision, and who also want the Princeton Regional School District to take its rightful place among the finest school districts in the country.

I truly believe that Dr. Swirsky enjoys his multiple jobs, and he assuredly works very hard at all of them. He has developed a wonderful rapport with the PTO's, the Princeton Education Foundation, the Friends of Princeton Athletics, and many other organizations. He is a visible presence at many school events, including dances, games, fundraisers, cleanup days, and the like. It is terrific to have such a "user-friendly" acting super-intendant! It is clearly also an added bonus to have someone who is so well-versed in the financial aspects of running a school district. On a light note, I would have to say that he is the only person who has ever explained the PRS budget in terms that we laymen can understand!

For all these reasons, I strongly endorse and support Dr. Daniel Swirsky as our permanent superintendent of schools, and I look forward to continuing to work with him in the years to come.

WENDY JOLLEY
Gallup Road

Development of the Arcaro Tract Ignores Need for Senior Housing

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

I agree with Mr. Mahon's letter in last week's TOWN TOPICS [January 20]. I too am strongly opposed to the proposed Pulte development on the Arcaro tract, but for another reason. There is a large and growing population of senior citizens in this community who wish to downsize and remain in Princeton. Unfortunately there is no place here to downsize to.

When an overlay ordinance for senior housing was put on the Arcaro tract (1996), seniors hoped that a small adult community would be built there. This would allow seniors who have lived here for many years to remain in town. They would continue to volunteer, shop, pay their taxes and cost little in return.

To our dismay, the overlay appeared to be ignored, and a large residential tract of 44 single houses and 72 townhouses will be built.

I want to make it perfectly clear that in no way do we want to pit seniors against youngsters. But Mr. Mahon and others must recognize that senior housing has been and remains a low priority in Princeton.

Yes, planning is important. Wouldn't it be nice to have senior and youth advocates work together?

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After Richard Lanahan's death in 1977, his wife Sharon Lanahan assumed operation of the store, and she substantially expanded the women's footwear selection.

Excellent Selection

It really became a family business when Kevin Lanahan, who had started working in the store on weekends when he was a boy, came on board full-time in 1974. He became owner after Mrs. Lanahan's death in 1997.

Buying men's shoes is his specialty, and the store offers an excellent selection of both dress and informal shoes. The men's department carries lines from Alden, Bally, Cole-Haan, and is a full dealer for Allen Edmonds. With "At Leisure" styles an increasingly popular mode of dress, Ricchard's features "the ultimate walking shoe", Mehphisto from France. Of course, the always-popular loafer continues as an enduring favorite.

"The shoe business has evolved since the advent of the popularity of sneakers and running shoes. Consumers have demanded more comfort footwear," points out Mr. Lanahan. "The other single factor is that with the introduction of "Dress Down" days, corporate America has gone to casual dress. This has changed the way men dress, and we have changed our product mix, offering more casual shoes and comfort footwear, both for men and women."

Just as in the men's department, comfort is a highlight of women's shoes. People are wearing shoes that feel good on their feet. Of course, they can still look good, too, and even in the dressier styles, low heels and flats are featured.

Top Seller

Such lines as Cole-Haan, Paul Green, Sesto Meucci, and Van Eli are all favorites, offering fashion and quality.

Ricchard's is also known for carrying the line of Peter Kaiser shoes from Germany, a popular choice for the wider fit. Rieker casual shoes are also from Germany, and as Mr. Lanahan says, "What's fun is buying a successful product line that consumers enthusiastically enjoy and purchase. We've had a lot of success with the Arche line from France for women, a top seller in comfort shoes, and quality all the way."

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"We try very hard to provide the best service and pay attention to our customers," says Mr. Lanahan. "And we offer a nice relaxed atmosphere in which to shop. We want customers to take their time because getting the right shoe and the right fit is extremely important."

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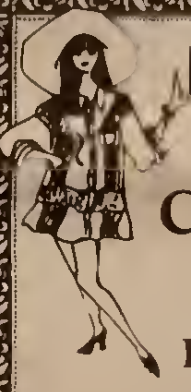

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"The quality of the furniture and our service sets us apart," says owner Bill Thompson. "And we personally polish and check all the pieces to make sure they are 100% before we deliver them."

Mr. Thompson's knowledge of fine furniture has been acquired over many years in the furniture business. He started out early. As a boy, he worked for Ben Rider, the original owner of Rider Furniture.

"Originally, the business was refinishing and antiques, and I became interested in good furniture," he recalls. "I bought the business in 1977, and eventually began selling reproduction furniture."

Excellent Reputation

While he continued to enjoy the hands-on refinishing work, Mr. Thompson says that the new furniture became more of a focus. The business expanded to such a point that in 1991, it moved to the current location, a spacious building, part of which dates to 1750, and an excellent showroom for the furniture.

"The business has really evolved," he adds, "and it keeps growing. We give people a fair price and real customer service. We guarantee our furniture, and we do what we say we'll do. We have built an excellent reputation, and people can count on us.

"Also," he continues, "we offer hundreds of manufacturers, and we discount every day. We want people to compare our quality, price, and service. We encourage customers to look at other places. We often find they come in, then leave, and later — guess what? — they come back to us! We must be doing something right."

Because of his refinishing experience, Mr. Thompson believes his knowledge of furniture adds a special dimension to Rider Furniture. "What makes us unique is that we can repair furniture, refinish furniture, sell new furniture, and deliver. This is our real specialty."

Rider offers a full selection of furniture, with an emphasis on traditional and country, and Shaker and Mission styles. Customers are buying a cross-section of everything, he notes, with home computer desk centers and entertainment centers especially popular now.

"We have computer desk set-ups with a folding work surface and doors that can close it all up, which have been in demand," reports Mr. Thompson. "Also, we offer a very nice entertainment center in maple for $999, and another one with a painted exterior that looks like a bookcase. It's very attractive. There are lots of styles, and many are available in different woods, finishes, and prices."

Corner cabinets, curios, secretaries are available, as is a handsome barrister's bookcase with sliding windows. A nice selection of leather furniture includes the Bradington Young recliner in burgundy, green, or navy for $999.

"Leather is long-lasting and very popular," says Mr. Thompson. "We are also doing a big business with upholstered furniture, especially loveseats, sofas and sectionals, and chairs. We offer a very handsome club chair for $399. In addition, we are finding the loose-fitting slip cover styles in sofas and chairs to be very popular. There are hundreds of fabrics to choose from."

Children's Furniture

Rider also carries sleeper sofas, beds, and Spring Air mattresses, and a selection of children's furniture, including trundle and bunk beds, chairs, tables, and desks, which can be expanded for computer setups.

In the spring and summer, the store has displays of wicker furniture on its charming porch, as well as a variety of teak benches and rockers outside.

Mr. Thompson reports that Rider customers come from all over the Princeton area and beyond, and include people of all ages. Many are knowledgeable about furniture.

"Young couples start off buying a bed and dresser, and then add as they can. One set at a time. They often know the quality, and they choose something that will last."

He adds that often the same piece of furniture is available in different woods (oak, cherry, pine, etc.) and finishes.

"Princeton University grads will also appreciate our special solid maple Hitchcock chair with Nassau Hall handpainted on the back, available for $600.

"Another very popular item is the rocking chair," he continues. "People love these, and we have a nice selection, including glider rockers. We also sell lots of kitchen tables, and urge customers to bring in a drawer from their cabinet for a match."

Rider also carries an extensive selection of accessories, including lamps of all kinds and sizes, and framed artwork, also in many styles and sizes, starting at $15. A very large assortment of baskets is suspended from the ceiling.

In addition, the store offers a selection of oval braided rugs from 24 inches by 36 inches to 8 feet by 11 feet, from $37. Interior design service is also available, and there is an extensive library of catalogs for people to research.

"Our store is relaxed. There's no pressure," says Mr. Thompson. "It's roomy and spacious. And every month we do a special feature, with an extra discount. In January, it's upholstery, and in February we will offer bedrooms. We say come and explore our showroom and discover Rider Furniture!"

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TEAMWORK: "Delivering furniture problem-free is one of our specialties," says Bill Thompson, owner of Rider Furniture. Mr. Thompson (center) is shown with colleagues Dan Padovano (left) and Keith Michie (right), next to one of Rider's four delivery trucks.

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THEATER REVIEW

"Portia Coughlan," Haunting Irish Tale of Incestuous Yearnings, Fascinates and Disturbs at McCarter's Second Stage OnStage

The setting is the Belmont Valley in the Irish Midlands, but *Portia Coughlan*, McCarter Theatre's annual Second Stage OnStage production, takes its audiences to territories far more distant arid strange than Ireland. As the playwright Marina Carr describes the home of her youth, "It's no accident it's called the Midlands. For me at least it has become a metaphor for the crossroads between the worlds."

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER: Angie Phillips (standing) in the title role and Janis Dardaris as her mother battle it out in guilt and anger over old conflicts, in Marina Carr's "Portia Coughlan" at McCarter's Second Stage OnStage through January 31.

Ms. Carr's 1996 drama, which ran successfully at The Abbey Theatre in Dublin and The Royal Court in London, takes place in a world that recalls the mystical settings of W.B. Yeats' plays and poems, or the world between worlds of *Wuthering Heights*, or perhaps the world of those strangely ingrown families of Sam Shepard's *Buried Child* or *Fool for Love*. The central relationship of the play, between Portia and her twin brother Gabriel, who drowned 15 years earlier, is as passionate, as powerful and as destructive as the relationship of Catherine and Heathcliff or of the half-brother and half-sister protagonists of *Fool for Love*.

It is Portia's 30th birthday, but despite all her desperate attempts to cling to life in this world — through marriage, through motherhood, through loveless affairs — the ghost of her dead brother Gabriel dominates her life.

Angie Phillips' Portia Coughlan is an intense, brooding, sensual, moody figure in her harrowing, uplifting struggle. She drinks heavily and neglects her children, whom she cannot love and avoids out of fear she may harm them. She is abusive and foulmouthed to her solicitous, well-intentioned husband (Steven Skybel). Her search for meaning and connection through extra-marital affairs provides only more bitterness and unhappiness. A visit from her mother (Janis Dardaris) and father (Tom Bloom) dredges up old resentments and ignites bitter conflict.

Portia Coughlan, however, despite all her unsavory attributes and behavior that is often cruel and crude, wins our sympathy. It seems wrong to judge her. She is an alien amidst her own family in her own home, and seems to belong to another, more elemental world beyond our judgments.

Her father angrily and desperately orders Portia to "forget Gabriel!" but she could no more do that than she could stop the wind from blowing or the seasons from changing or the river from flowing. Portia's mother warns her that Gabriel "came out of the womb clutching your leg and he's still clutching it," but she can do nothing to free herself.

Portia Coughlan will play through this Sunday, January 31, at McCarter Theatre's Second Stage OnStage. Call 683-8000 for show times, reservations and further information.

Portia's sense of desperation and gloom is pervasive. The kind of fatalism that drives Greek tragedy looms over Portia and the plot of this drama. But the play is rich in colorful characters and even a portion of humor, while Portia's speech resonates with lyrical language evoking the rough beauty of the Belmont Valley and sweet memories of childhood days with her brother.

The action of the play occurs in what seems to be just two days, Portia's birthday and the following day, but time here is circular not linear, with constant memories and a surprising flashback breaking the narrative. Much of the play is devoted to retrospective analysis, as the past — quarrels, reminiscences, secrets — overwhelms the present. The ranting, vituperative grandmother (Isa Thomas) warns, "I know when the rot began and where the rot began."

Directed by Wilma Theatre Artistic Director Blanka Zizka, this production benefits from McCarter's consistently high production values, as well as from the audience's proximity to the characters in the 120-seat theater created on the McCarter stage. Unfortunately the whole show does not partake of the compact intimacy that the space might suggest. Both script and production could use some editing. At 2½ hours, it's a long evening.

Complex Desperation

The ten supporting characters shed light on different aspects of Portia and her complex desperation, but all of them may not be necessary for this play to make its point. Also, the supernatural effects — including unnatural lighting and a high Irish soprano voice accompanied by harps surrounding the audience — are beautiful and stunning at first, but begin to wear thin after numerous repetitions throughout the play.

David P. Gordon's efficient, evocative set creates Portia Coughlan's living room downstage right, her dining room downstage left — later transformed into the High Chaparral Bar — and the banks of the Belmont River upstage raised high above the stage, almost like a dream world. The skillful, imaginative lighting design by Russell Champa helps to create the two worlds of the play: interior and exterior, realism and surrealism. Noa Ain composed the eerie, spell-binding music.

Ms. Phillips leads the impressive, thoroughly professional cast, veterans of Philadelphia and New York theater and beyond. There are occasional lapses in the consistency of their thick Irish Midlands accents, and two or three of these characters, due to the script as much as to the acting, seem one-dimensional, almost cartoonish in their behavior at times. Overall, however, the ensemble is strong, nuanced, varied and interesting. Ms. Phillips as Portia is consistently superb in her dynamic range of emotions and actions.

The program notes quote from a psychological study of twins: "Individually ... they may exhibit a poverty of self outside the emotional plenitude of their relations together, an overdependence and an overidentification with one another that will make it more and more difficult for them to separate, and to transfer their affections to people not included in their intense world of two."

"You had no right," Portia accuses the ghost of her brother. The separation has become increasingly difficult for Portia over the 15 years since Gabriel's death, and she increasingly finds herself unable to function in the world without him.

Ms. Carr, author also of *The Mai*, which played on the McCarter main stage two seasons ago, has, in *Portia Coughlan*, created a harsh, challenging and unforgettable drama.

—Donald Gilpin

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MUSIC REVIEW

Guitarist Steven Mackey Brings 70's Vibes to Chamber Concert

Before Sunday's concert, no electric guitar had been heard on the august stage of Richardson Auditorium since the 1970's. Before the renovation of Richardson in the early 1980's, the classical concert series had abandoned the place in favor of McCarter; leaving it to the students, who proceeded to book such rock performers as Cat Stevens, Billy Joel, Bruce Springsteen, and groups like Genesis.

On Sunday afternoon, composer-guitarist Steven Mackey conjured up these 70's vibes in a performance of his composition *Deal* with the Princeton Chamber Symphony. The work, composed in 1995, is a concerto for electric guitar in four movements, depicting, as Mackey describes in his program notes, the complexity of "dealing" with the strange surprises and contradictions found in the world.

A 14-member chamber ensemble serves as the partner and occasional foil to the guitar soloist in *Deal*. Mr.Mackey's writing for the ensemble shifts seamlessly from mood to mood. Rather than sustained blends of instrumental sound, he most often prefers a pointillist approach, with splashes of color and short, repeated patterns.

The soloist's part is almost completely improvised, and Mr. Mackey as soloist made many masterful moves. Sometimes echoing the music of other instruments, sometimes blasting out above them, he seemed by turns to seek reconciliation with and defiance against the "world" as represented by the chamber ensemble. In his solo cadenzas, he blended classical and rock guitar techniques creating remarkable concoctions somewhere between Segovia and Hendrix.

The Mackey performance was framed by the works of two older masters, Stravinsky and Vivaldi. The performance of Stravinsky's *Danses Concertantes* fell a bit flat. The piece itself is not as piquant as most of Stravinsky's dance compositions, and the Chamber Symphony too often smoothed over the rhythms instead of sharply attacking them. Jayn Rosenfeld on flute and David Schneider on oboe did put especially clean edges on their solo passages, both the lyrical solos and the crisp, jagged interjections.

Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* furnished a rousing conclusion to the concert, thanks in large part to guest violin soloist Michael Ludwig (associate concertmaster of the Philadelphia Orchestra). Mr. Ludwig's immaculate performance included nicely soaring melodies in the slow movements, and quick, precise leaps in the fast movements. Harpsichordist Elizabeth Boggs also ignited the performance, playfully adding ornaments to a bouncy baseline one moment, and driving the orchestra with steely determination the next.

The Princeton Chamber Symphony will continue the theme of concertos in its next concert. On March 21, Joel Quarrington will perform the *Divertimento Concertante* for double-bass and orchestra composed by Nina Rota (composer of the musical scores for the *Godfather* films and various Fellini masterpieces, including *The Clowns*). — **Linda Tyler**

Director William Esper has been the head of his own acting studio in New York for more than 30 years, as well as director of the Professional Acting Training Program at Rutgers' Mason Gross School of the Arts since its inception in 1977.

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Mr. Cruz will discuss his newest play, *Two Sisters and a Piano*, which will have its world premiere at McCarter Theatre in February.

Joined by Janice Paran, McCarter Theatre Dramaturg and Director of Play Development, Mr. Cruz will discuss his creative process and read from his work. Mr. Cruz's plays incorporate Latin American themes of family, politics and culture.

Shakespeare's *Richard II* Scheduled at Rutgers

Rutgers Theater Company will present a production of *Richard II* from January 28 through February 14 in the New Theater, George Street, Douglass Campus, New Brunswick.

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Keb' Mo' Schedules Solo Performance At McCarter Theater

Grammy Award-winning blues artist Keb' Mo' will perform an acoustic solo concert at McCarter Theatre on Wednesday, February 3 at 8 pm. This concert is an exclusive area appearance with no other dates scheduled in New Jersey, New York or Philadelphia.

Named "Acoustic Blues Artist of the Year" in 1996 and 1997, Keb' Mo's 1996 release, "Just Like You," won a Grammy Award for Best Contemporary Blues Album, and his self-titled album won the "Country/Acoustic Blues Album of the Year" in 1995. Rolling Stone said of his latest Grammy nominated release, *Slow Down*, "Keb' Mo' is a blues naturalist, a singer, writer and bottleneck guitarist ... who treats the blues like a living thing."

Keb' Mo' fans have packed his live performances all over North America and Europe including major U.S. tours with Celine Dion (Spring '97) and Bonnie Raitt (Spring '98), and countless headlining appearances.

He has performed at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival, the Chicago Blues Festival, the Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland, and Holland's North Sea Jazz Festival.

In September he was a featured participant in a "Tribute to Robert Johnson" at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland. Keb' Mo's television performances include *The Late Show with Dovid Lettermon*, *The Rosie O'Donnell Show*, *Sessions at West 54th*, *Conan O'Brien* and *Touched by an Angel*.

Keb' Mo' songs have been featured in such motion pictures as *One Fine Day*, *Madeline*, *Tin Cup* and *Down in the Delta*, directed by Maya Angelou.

Tickets are $22, $23, $25 and $26. To charge tickets by phone, call 683-8000.

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Young Musicians to Play At WW-P High School

A winter concert featuring the works of Beethoven, Handel and Vaughn Williams will be performed by 131 student musicians from the preparatory division of the Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra on Sunday, January 31, at 1 p.m. in the auditorium of the West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North campus (the new high school campus). Admission is free.

The musicians are 8 to 15 years old and hail from 34 elementary and middle schools in the Princeton-central New Jersey area, including West Windsor, Plainsboro, Hopewell, Trenton and Lawrenceville.

The GPYO and the preparatory division, for younger musicians, is an auditioned orchestra under the direction of conductor John Enz and assistant conductor Phillip Pugh. Auditions for the next season will take place on Thursday, February 4.

The orchestra is comprised of more than 50 strings musicians and 38 woodwind, brass and percussion players. This is Mr. Enz's 13th season with the orchestra and Mr. Pugh's 10th year.

For more information about auditions, call Barbara Brown at 883-4233.

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Music That Evokes Far-Away Places Set at Richardson

The Richardson Chamber Players will offer a concert of music inspired by far-away places at 8 Friday evening, February 5, at Richardson Auditorium in Alexander Hall.

Entitled "Exotic Locales," the program includes works of Maurice Ravel, Luciano Berio, Manuel de Falla, and Darius Milhaud. Featured as soloists will be Martha Elliott, soprano; Barbara Rearick, mezzo-soprano; and Wendy Young, harpsichord.

The program will open with the fiery Harpsichord Concerto of Spanish composer Manuel De Falla, completed in 1926 for the harpsichord virtuoso Wanda Landowska. Though entitled "concerto," it is essentially a chamber work in which each of the instruments plays a vital role, though the harpsichord predominates.

Wendy Young will appear as harpsichordist, joined by flutist Judith Pearce, oboist Matt Sullivan, clarinettist Evan Spritzer, violinist Jacqui Carrasco, and cellist John Whitfield.

The program continues with the *Chansons modécosses* (Madegascan Songs) of Maurice Ravel, sung by mezzo-soprano Barbara Rearick, with flutist Judith Pearce, cellist John Whitfield, and pianist Elizabeth Di Felice.

The first portion of the program concludes with a performance of Darius Milhaud's *Les Rêves de Jacob* (Jacob's Dreams), Choreographic Suite for Oboe, Violin, Viola, Cello, and Double Bass, Opus 294. This rarely-heard work was composed in August, 1949 for the Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival in Massachusetts, where it was given its world premiere in October of the same year.

Following Intermission, Martha Elliott, soprano, and Ms. Rearick will sing four of Antonin Dvorak's *Morovion Duets*, accompanied by Ms. Di Felice at the piano. The program will close with the Folk Songs of Luciano Berio, arrangements for voice and seven instruments composed in 1964.

These unusual settings of 11 songs by one of the 20th century's leading composers comprise music from France, Armenia, Sicily, and Azerbaijan, as well as the United States.

The Richardson Chamber Players is the ensemble-in-residence at Richardson Auditorium, a special project of Princeton University Concerts, undertaken during its 1994-95 Centennial Season.

Programs are devoted to chamber works scored for unusual combinations of instruments and voices which otherwise are rarely heard; the roster of performers include the professional musicians who teach instrumental music and voice at Princeton University. Michael Pratt and Nathan A. Randall are Artistic Co-Directors of the ensemble.

Tickets to the February 5 concert, priced at $20, $15, $10; students, $2; are available through the Richardson Box Office, 258-5000.

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Ladysmith Black Mambazo Due at McCarter Feb. 4

South Africa's a cappella vocal group Ladysmith Black Mambazo, the world's most famous African singing group, returns to McCarter Theatre on Thursday, February 4 at 8 p.m.; only standing room is available.

In addition to their numerous best-selling albums, the singers have delighted millions with their collaborations with Paul Simon (*Graceland*), George Clinton, Bonnie Raitt, and many others. In addition, their radio and television commercials for 7-UP and IBM have been enjoyed by huge audiences worldwide.

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Standing Room Only tickets are $10. To charge tickets by phone, call 683-8000.

'Huey P. Newton Story' Cancelled by McCarter

McCarter Theatre has announced that, due to scheduling problems, *A Huey P. Newton Story*, which was scheduled for Tuesday, February 2, has been cancelled.

The McCarter Theatre Box Office is contacting ticket holders regarding this change. For more information, call 683-8000.

"Monsters of Grace" To Have 2 Performances

McCarter Theatre will present *Monsters of Grace*, a digital opera in three dimensions by Philip Glass and Robert Wilson, for two performances. They will take place Saturday, February 6 at 9 p.m. and Sunday, February 7, at 2 p.m.

The work marks the first collaboration of the two since their landmark piece, *Einstein on the Beach*, more than 20 years ago.

Advanced digital technology and cutting-edge stereoscopic animation (viewed with 3-D glasses) form the basis of this voyage into the possibilities of interplay between light, sound and objects.

Wilson's designs unfold as three-dimensional computer-animated images are projected in large-format 70mm film. The libretto, sung in English, is based on the sensual poetry of 13th century Persian mystic Jalaluddin Rumi, transformed by Glass into love songs and performed live by the Philip Glass Ensemble with vocal soloists.

The San Francisco Chronicle called *Monsters of Grace* "a sumptuous play of images, color and movement, supported by the unearthly glory of one of Glass's most affecting scores." The New York Times wrote, "It is a work of mysterious possibilities and importance."

Tickets are $32 and $35. To charge tickets, call 683-8000.

Jazz Groups to Perform Feb. 5 at McCarter

McCarter Theatre presents a rare booking of the Nicholas Payton Quintet and Cyrus Chestnut Trio on Friday, February 5 at 8 p.m. Standing room only tickets are still available.

A native of New Orleans, the 24-year-old Payton is one of the most celebrated members of jazz's young guard. His 1997 collaboration with trumpeter Doc Cheatham earned him a Grammy Award in the "Best Solo Jazz Performance" category.

The Chicago Tribune said of Payton, "He is the most charismatic young musician to pick up the trumpet since Wynton Marsalis arrived on the scene more than a decade ago Nicholas Payton makes a trumpet sing and shout and cry like no one else in the business."

Cyrus Chestnut has been called "the most talented jazz pianist of his generation" by CD Review and hailed as a "widely imaginative improviser whose solos are free associative delights" by The New York Times.

He has been a pianist for the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, and has "crossed over" into classical, recording *So Many Stars* with Kathleen Battle.

Mr. Chestnut began his professional career working with Jon Hendricks, Terence Blanchard, Wynton Marsalis and Betty Carter before finally recording his first solo CD in 1993 at the age of 30.

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Easter-Nelson Jenniler Easter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Easter, Drake's Corner Road, to Derrick Nelson, son ol Mr. and Mrs. Peter E. Nelson, Natick, Mass.

Ms. Easter received a bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Vermont, a master's degree in reading from the University of Colorado, and a master's degree in counseling education from the University ol New Hampshire. She is employed as a special education teacher in Meredith, N. H.

Mr. Nelson received a bachelor's degree in biology from the University ol New Hampshire and a master's degree in education lrom Stanford University, Stanford, Calif. He is a science teacher in Laconia, N. H.

The couple plans a June wedding.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 27

8 p.m.: Township Zoning Board, Valley Road Building.

8-9:30 p.m.: Regional Schools Community Forum with superintendent candidate Daniel M. Swirsky, John Witherspoon School cafeteria.

Thursday, January 28

7:30 p.m.: Regional Schools Personnel/Policy/ Legislation Committee, Valley Road Building.

7:30 p.m.: Joint Recreation Board, Township Municipal Building, 369 Witherspoon Street.

8-9:30 p.m.: Regional Schools Community Forum with superintendent candidate Glenn Smartschan, John Witherspoon School cafeteria.

Friday, January 29

12:30 p.m.: "The Mystical Crucifixion and Its Anthill," Gallery Talk at University Art Museum, by Betsy Rosasco, associate curator of Later Western Art. Also on Sunday, at 3.

8 p.m.: Radio Symphony Orchestra of Berlin; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8:30 p.m.: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, Zdenek Macal, conductor; Emanuel Ax, piano; Richardson Auditorium.

Saturday, January 30

"The Magic Brush," Gallery Talk for Children at University Art Museum, by docent Vi Schonewald.

Sunday, January 31

4 p.m.: Westminster Community Orchestra; Richardson Auditorium.

Monday, February 1

7 p.m.: Township Committee, Valley Road Building.

Tuesday, February 2

7:30 p.m.: Regional Schools Personnel/Policy/ Legislation Committee, Valley Road Building.

7:30 p.m.: Borough Council, Hook & Ladder Fire House, Harrison Street North.

8 p.m.: Chekhov's *The Sea Gull;* George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. Also Wednesday at 8, Thursday at 7, Friday and Saturday at 8, Sunday at 2.

Wednesday, February 3

12:30-1 p.m.: Organ Concert, Ernest Lehrer, music director, St. Joseph ol the Palisades, West New York; Princeton University Chapel.

7:30 p.m.: Regional Schools Minority Education Committee, Valley Road Building.

8 p.m.: Keb' Mo'; McCarter Theatre.

Thursday, February 4

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board, Township Municipal Building.

8 p.m.: Ladysmith Black Mambazo; McCarter Theatre.

8 p.m.: *Die Fledermous;* London City Opera; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8 p.m.: Opening night, *Ali;* Crossroads Theatre, Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick. Also Friday at 8, Saturday at 3 and 8, and Sunday at 3 and 7.

Friday, February 5

12:30 p.m.: "Saint Jerome and the Renaissance," Princeton University Art Museum Gallery Talk by artist Dallas Piotrowski. Also, on Sunday at 3.

5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.: Family Night at Princeton Forrestal Village, Market Hall Food Court. Also, on February 12, 19, and 26.

8 p.m.: Cyrus Chestnut Trio and Nicholas Payton Quintet; McCarter Theatre.

8 p.m.: Richardson Chamber Players; Richardson Auditorium.

Saturday, February 6

11 a.m.: "Children and Photography," Children's Gallery Talk at University Art Museum, by docent Sally Davidson.

8 p.m.: Baroque at Westminster, Stephen Berkelhammer, Baroque oboe; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

9 p.m.: *Monsters of Grace,* Philip Glass/Robert Wilson; McCarter Theatre. Also Sunday at 2.

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CHESS CHAMP: Paul Castellana, left, a sixth grade student at the Princeton Charter School, won third place unrated in the novice section of the 34th annual Greater New York Elementary Chess Championship, held January 10 at Manhattan Community College. The Charter School Chess Team, composed of Castellana, Ricky Grenis, Henry Kerins, Justin Staple, and Rafi Witten received a trophy for the third place school team. Castellana is shown with Chess Master Stephan Gerzadowicz.

Red Cross Will Offer Health & Safety Courses

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To help keep families safe, the American Red Cross of Central New Jersey is holding a series of classes at its 707 Alexander Road facility.

The first course is Standard First Aid: How to recognize and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies in adults and how to identify and care for excessive bleeding, sudden illness and injury. The fee is $50 and the course will meet February 2 and 4 from 6 to 9:15 both nights.

Community First Aid & Safety: How to recognize and care for breathing emergencies in adults, infants and children; the techniques of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR); how to identify and care for excessive bleeding, sudden illness, and other first aid emergencies. Course fee is $55, meetings are February 27 and 28, 9 to 1:30 and March 16 and 18 from 6 to 10:30 p.m.

Infant & Child CPR: First aid for choking and breathing emergencies; injury prevention; and CPR techniques for infants and children. The course meets February 10 from 6 to 11 p.m. and March 13 from 9 to 2. The fee is $40.

Adult CPR: CPR, rescue breathing, and first aid for choking adults; and heart disease prevention. Meetings are February 19 from 6 to 10; March 9 from 6 to 10. The fee is $40.

CPR for the Professional Rescuer includes one- and two-person CPR for adults, infants and children, as well as breathing device and bag-valve-mask training. A reusable pocket mask is provided. Course fee is $65 with face mask. Dates and times are February 20 and 21 and March 6 and 7, 9 to 1:30.

Community CPR: CPR for adults, infants and children; how to treat breathing emergencies; heart disease and injury prevention. Dates are January 25 and 27, and February 23 and 25, 6 to 9:15 p.m and March 14, 9 to 3:30 p.m. Course fee is $50.

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Local Single Parents To Hold First Meeting

A new support and resources group, Princeton Single Parents, is holding its first meeting on Thursday, January 28, at 7:30 p.m. in Child Care Room 1 of the Princeton YMCA on Paul Robeson Place, Princeton.

The group is intended to bring local, single parents together to discuss problems and issues important to them, share ideas, and develop a base of resources to help with everything from sharing car pooling, to referrals, to counseling, to dealing with all the joys and chaos of single parenthood.

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University Store Plans Talk by Two Authors

Princeton alumna Annette Lawrence Drew and husband Christopher Drew, two of the authors of *Blind Man's Bluff* will be at the Princeton University Store on Saturday, January 30 at noon.

Currently No. 4 on its Best-seller List, the New York Times calls the book "an evocative and important look at the Cold War." In a tale that has the Navy refusing to comment, *Blind Man's Bluff* uncovers new detail about how United States submarine forces were used for much more than chasing Soviet subs under the Arctic ice.

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Princeton Wedding Consultants and Encore Books and Music will host the fourth annual Bridal Showcase on Sunday, January 31, from 1 to 3, at Encore's Princeton Shopping Center location on North Harrison Street.

The showcase will feature presentations by many of the area's best known bridal professionals, like Makrancy's floral designs, Lewis Kassel's photography, Kathy Hughes' calligraphy, or Marla Anker's makeup artistry and special bridal jewelry line.

Brides will have an opportunity to meet personally with these and other wedding experts, to sample chocolates, and to obtain discounted quotes for the latest bridal fashions.

Admission to the Bridal Showcase is free. For more information, call Charrisse Min Allegro, Princeton Wedding Consultants, at 683-4467; or Faith Bahadurian, Encore Books and Music, at 252-0608.

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Thursday, February 4, 4:30 p.m.
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HURRICANE RELIEF CHECK: Middle School students at Stuart Country Day School contributed $1,000 to aid Nicaraguan victims of Hurricane Mitch. Tarah Kirnan, (Pennington) left, and Princeton resident Alex Tully present the check to Hoadmistress Frances de la Chapelle, RSCJ, and Middle School religion teacher Grace Butler, RSCJ, right, on behalf of the student government. The check was sont to Nicaragua through the Religious of the Sacred Hoart network.

Italian Classes to Begin At Dorothea's House

Italian classes for adults and children will be offered at Dorothea's House beginning Saturday, February 6.

Classes for grade school and middle school-aged children will be taught by Ms. Francesca Casano, a native Italian and graduate of the University of Rome.

Classes will be held for one hour each Saturday at 9:30 for beginning students and at 10:30 for returning students.

Adult classes will also be offered as a continuation of classes that were begun in the preceding semester.

Classes will be taught by Alessandra Mazzucato, a native Italian and graduate of the University of Padua. Ms. Mazzucato has taught Italian at the Princeton Adult School for 20 years.

Individuals interesting in joining the adult classes should contact the teacher directly for placement. Classes are one hour long and will be held beginning at 9:30 a.m. for beginners and at 10:45 a.m. for more advanced students.

Early registration is advised since class size is limited. Cost is $40 for ten sessions. Dorothea's House, an Italian cultural institution founded in 1913, is located at 120 John St. For more information, or to register, call Alessandra Mazzucato at 924-8275.

SENIOR CITIZENS CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 27 - Wednesday, February3

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Friday: 9:30 a.m. CHIME, Spruce
10:30 a.m. Ping Pong, SPatC
1:00 p.m. Senior Citizens' Club, Redding
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Celebrate Cider-Making At Terhune Orchards

Terhune Orchards will revive the ancient English tradition of "wassailing the apple trees," on Sunday, January 31, from 1 to 4. The public is invited to join the merry-making. Cider and cider doughnuts will be served around a warm fire.

Wassailing was a custom in the cider-making regions of southern and western England. Celebrants gathered around a representative apple tree, toasting its health with warm cider to insure a bountiful growing season.

The "Handsome Molly Dancers," a local dance troupe that has just returned from a dancing tour of England, will lead the merry-making at Terhune. There will be wagon rides through the orchards; and an old-time fiddler will play in the store.

Middle School Dances Continue at the YMCA

The Princeton Family YMCA is continuing its series of monthly Friday night dances for students in the sixth to eighth grades. The next three dances will be held February 5, March 5, and April 9.

They take place in the gym from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music is supplied by a disc jockey; soda and snacks are sold; and constant supervision is provided by YMCA staff.

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PEOPLE in the News

Katherine Benesch, Fitzrandolph Road, recently became a partner at Archer & Greiner, Haddonfield, one of the state's largest law firms. Ms. Benesch will be based at the Princeton office.

Before joining Archer & Greiner, Ms. Benesch, who specializes in health care law, maintained her own practice in Lawrenceville. She has contributed to a number of legal publications and has lectured extensively throughout the country on health care law.

Ms. Benesch, who holds a law degree from Duquesne University School of Law, and a master's degree in public health from Yale University School of Medicine, practices in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. She is also admitted to the Washington, D.C. Bar.

The Garden State Scholastic Press Association recently cited six Princeton High School students, staff members of the school newspaper *The Tower*, for journalistic excellence in 1998.

Edward Eng won a first place award for an authored column; **Jesse Fischer** and **Aaron Forrest** won second place for a special column or review; and **Rory Kramer** garnered a third place award for an authored column, along with a second place award for news writing.

First place for sports writing went to **Christopher Prevost**; and first place for a special column or review went to **Philip Santiago**.

Joan Goodman serves as advisor to staff of *The Tower*, which won a first place award for overall excellence in Division B (mid-size high schools).

A number of area residents were named to the Mercer County Community College fall semester President's List, composed of the school's top academic achievers.

Named from Princeton were **Charlotta Gullberg, Jih Lee, Jacob Simpson, Kyle Sutton, Bradley Thornton, Oneslme Volkoff,** and **Ma Ohn Win.**

Skillman residents **Christopher Delia** and **Jennifer Tabbit** were named, as was **Samuel Brommer**, of Hopewell. Pennington residents **Mary Jane Beebe** and **Amanda Butterfoss** were also named.

Lawrenceville residents named to the MCCC list were **Katavzyna Labno, Edwin Munoz, Philip O'Connell, Feliks Polyak, Phyllis Savoy, Christian Stehle, Julie Stoughton** and **Jolanta Szmyd.**

Joel Lebowitz, Locust Lane, the George W. Hill Professor of Mathematics and Physics at Rutgers University, received the Scientific Freedom and Responsibility Award from the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) on January 23.

Dr. Lebowitz has worked for two decades to advance the rights of scientists in oppressive regimes around the world. The award, presented at the AAAS annual meeting in Anaheim, Calif., recognizes his efforts.

Two new staff members have joined the interiors department of the Witherspoon Street architectural firm, Kehrt Shatken Sharon (KSS).

Shella Spriggs Nall ASID, has joined the firm as director of interior design. Ms. Nall has more than 20 years experience designing interiors for corporations, financial institutions, and other clients. Ms. Nall is a *magna cum laude* graduate of the University of Cincinnati with a B.S. degree in design.

Formerly of KDA Inc., Atlanta, Ga., Ms. Nall was active in the ASID Atlanta chapter, serving as Industry Foundation chairperson, chapter vice president and interprofessional liaison chair.

Ms. Nall's designs have been honored with several awards, including the duPont Design Award, Georgia Chapter ASID Award, and the national ASID Honorable Mention. In Addition, Ms. Nall received the ASID Lucille Morgan Award for service to the profession in 1995.

Shannon Cameron has joined the firm, as well, as a junior interior designer. Ms. Cameron received a B.S. degree in interior design from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in May 1998. She is an alumna of Pi Beta Phi National Women's Fraternity and an allied member of the American Society of Interior Designers. She was an intern at KSS during the summer of 1997.

Two area residents — **Ziva Petrin** and **Adam Smith** — are among five students from The Hun School senior class who were selected by the Garden State Scholarship Program as Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars for the 1998-99 school year.

Ms. Petrin, a Princeton resident, is a member of the cross country team, the crew

Shella Spriggs Nall

team, and the Running Club. She is a volunteer at the S.A.V.E. Animal Shelter and the Senior Resource Center's LINK program.

A member of the Cum Laude Society, Ms. Petrin won the Williams College Book Award and the Xerox Award last June, and is an Advanced Placement Scholar with Honors. She is also a semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

A member of the Carnegie Lake Rowing Association, Ms. Petrin hopes to attend medical school and, eventually, to work for the Center for Disease Control or a similar agency.

Mr. Smith, a Skillman resident, plays varsity baseball. He is the editor of the *Edgerstounian* (school yearbook), is a Writing Center tutor, and participates in Hun's Mentoring/Internship program. He is a leader at his church summer camp, and attends the Princeton Alliance Church and youth group.

A member of the Cum Laude Society, Mr. Smith received the Yale Book Award and the Rensselaer Math and Science Medal last June. He is an Advanced Placement Scholar and received Highest Honors at Hun.

Also a semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program, Mr. Smith wants to attend either Harvard or Stanford University next fall and to major in biological sciences.

Other Bloustein Distinguished Scholars from Hun are John Chorba, Catherine Hooppell, and Rajiv Magge.

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OBITUARIES

Elizabeth Everett, 88, died January 21 at Forrestal Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Plainsboro.

Born in West Windsor, she was a lifelong resident.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Dutch Neck and its Women's Association, and a former Sunday School teacher.

She was an elementary school teacher in Millhurst and retired from the West Windsor school system.

She is survived by her husband, Arthur L. Everett; a daughter, Nancy E. Hunter of West Windsor; a sister, Cornelia S. Appelget of Monroe Township; and two grandchildren.

Funeral service was Monday in Cranbury. The Rev. Floyd Churn, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Dutch Neck, officiated.

Interment was in Dutch Neck Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Dutch Neck, 154 South Mill Road, Princeton Junction 08550.

Austin "Mac" Macauley, 84, North Harrison Street, died January 23 at home.

Born in Llandudno, he lived in Princeton 70 years.

He was a foreman at American Standard in Hamilton for 20 years and had worked at Thorne Pharmacy and Marsh & Co. Pharmacy for many years.

He was a member of St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church and a life member of Knights of Columbus Council 636.

Son of the late Florence and Charles Micali, he is survived by his wife of 58 years, Barbara Cooper Macauley; a son, Jack of Greenville, S.C.; two daughters, Barbara Marvel of New Orleans and Linda Chmura of Lawrenceville; a brother, the Rev. Cuthbert Micali of Graymoor Franciscan Friars of the Atonement Church, Garrison, N.Y.; and three grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Tuesday at St. Paul Church.

Interment was in Princeton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Princeton First Aid and Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 529, Princeton 08542; Princeton Hospice Care, 208 Bunn Drive, Princeton 08540; or St. Paul Roman Catholic Church, 214 Nassau Street, Princeton 08540.

Arrangements were under the direction of Mather Hodge Funeral Home.

Mildred A. Smith, 68, of Trenton, died January 21 at St. Francis Medical Center.

Born in Princeton, she was a lifelong area resident. She was a homemaker and was educated in the Princeton public schools.

Daughter of the late Jesse and Edith Wells, and sister of the late Jesse, Wilbur, Edmund, and Frank Wells, she is survived by her husband, Kennington Smith Jr.; a daughter, Edith Skipworth of Princeton; three sons, Kevin of Fayetteville, Ga., Kenneth of Hamilton, and Clarence of San Antonio, Texas; six grandchildren; a great-grandchild; a brother, Clarence Wells of Chicago; and four sisters, Ruth, Doris and Jean Wells, all of Princeton, and Blanch Gunnell of East Windsor.

Funeral service was Tuesday at Macedonia Baptist Church, Trenton. The Rev. Keith Marshall, pastor, officiated. Interment was in Crosswicks Cemetery, Crosswicks.

Mary Tourison Webster, 72, died of cancer January 21 in New York City.

She lived in Princeton from the time of her marriage to Dr. William Webster in 1947 until their retirement in 1987, when they moved to Eleuthera in the Bahamas.

She was educated at Barnard College and Katherine Gibbs, and worked for Dr. George Gallup at Audience Research in Princeton until the birth of her first child.

She was active in the Princeton Hospital Women's Auxiliary and co-chaired the Hospital Fête in 1962. She also worked as a travel agent specializing in the Caribbean Islands.

After her children went to college, she got a degree from the New York School of Interior Design. She worked as an interior designer in Princeton and New York City, and co-owned an antiques shop in Princeton for several years.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Melissa Patrick and Cecelia Roberts; and a brother, Asher Tourison of Spring Lake, Mich.

Services will be private. Donations may be made in her memory to the American Cancer Society.

Susan H. Bardwell, 51, of Hamilton, died January 19 at home.

Born in Boston, she lived in Mercerville several years.

She graduated from Princeton High School and received a bachelor's degree in education from Cornell University.

She taught Russian at Hopewell Valley Central High School.

She is survived by her parents, Charles and Elizabeth Bardwell of Princeton; and a sister, Ann Cooley of Hilton Head, S.C.

Funeral service was held Friday at All Saints' Church, Princeton.

Interment was in Trinity-All Saints' Cemetery.

Ann R. Miller, 78, died January 19 at Princeton Medical Center.

Born in the Bridgepoint section of Montgomery, she was a lifelong resident of Belle Mead.

She was a member of Harlingen Reform Church, Montgomery Senior Citizens, and Montgomery Fire Co. No. 1.

Daughter of the late Joseph and Ida Burd Robinson, wife of the late Norman Miller, and sister of the late Harvey and Donald Robinson, she is survived by two sons, Donald of Mount Holly and Robert of Hopewell; two daughters, Linda Lauer of Ewing and Pamela Thorsell of Vienna, W. Va.; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral service was Saturday at Harlingen Reform Church. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Harlingen Reform Church, Dutchtown Road, Belle Mead 08502.

James Bess, 70, John Street, died January 18 at Capital Health System at Fuld.

Born in Darlington, S.C., he was educated in the public schools and graduated from Claflin University in South Carolina. He was manager of administrative services at the Institute for Advanced Study for many years.

He was a member of Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church and of Aaron Lodge No. 9 (Prince Hall Affiliate).

Son of the late Hodges and Hattie Bess, he is survived by his wife, Helen M. Bess; daughters Dana Swainson of Ewing, Debra Taylor of Melrose Park, Pa., Michele Elbardi of Princeton, and Lisa Andrews of Norfolk, Va.; sons James of Camden and George of Absecon; and 16 grandchildren.

Funeral service was at Mt. Pisgah Church, Princeton. Interment was in Princeton Cemetery.

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QUESTION: *Last issue you talked about the causes of clergy stress. As we enter the new year, what can anyone, clergy or lay, do to handle stress?*

ANSWER: Stress is a fact of life. The world is a busy place in which we work hard to meet deadlines and make promotions, to be assertive with the spouse who does not listen or the store that overcharges and underserves. Therefore, instead of kidding ourselves that we can avoid stress, you are right to ask how to handle it. Here are 12 ways:

1. **Determine priorities:** You can not do everything well; learn to do a few things well, instead of many poorly.

2. **Drop unrealistic expectations:** Drop excessive use of words like "must" and "should" from your vocabulary. Pick up words like "no" and recognize your limits. Not being 150 percent involved does not mean being lazy.

3. **Talk it out:** Express vs. suppress your feelings. Be assertive and sensitive vs. being an explosive volcano or someone who "keeps my mouth shut".

4. **Recognize the signs of stress:** The sooner you spot the signs, the sooner you can stop the stress. Common signs are: tension at the back of your neck or in the pit of your stomach, sweating, a headache, back pain, irritability, pacing the floor, wringing your hands, and fatigue.

5. **Take a breather:** Five minutes "off" can lead to most of your day being "on". Take a walk or just step away from your desk for a minute, instead of making yourself "stand there and suffer".

6. **Deep breathing:** A simple relaxation exercise is to sit still for a few minutes and breathe deeply. Focusing on one idea or object so as to slow your mind down and focus on one thing vs. many.

7. **Exercise to relax:** A routine of walking, jogging, or any regular exercise can work off pent-up frustration.

8. **Give in once in a while:** Make allowances for the fact that you could be wrong; avoid being obstinate and defiant.

9. **Try helping others:** Focus on the troubles of others so as to put yours in perspective.

10. **Tackle one task at a time:** Deal with the most urgent tasks first; partialize the big loads (how do you eat an elephant? — one bite at a time).

11. **Develop a hobby:** A new interest can get your mind off an old problem; woodwork, kite flying, gardening — whatever you like.

12. **Pray:** I saved the best for last. Try daily prayer, meditation, or reading scripture to show you what life is really all about.

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RELIGION

Unitarian Church Cited For Human Rights Work

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Princeton has received the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's (UUSC) 1998 Human Rights Award.

The congregation is part of a select group of churches and fellowships which participated in UUSC's year-long Human Rights Campaign 98 designed to coincide with the 50th. anniversary of the United Nation's Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

"The campaign organized people at the grassroots level to undertake human rights and social justice projects," said Deputy Director Jeff Seifert. "Unitarian Church's participation made the public more aware of the role that human rights considerations should play at the local level."

NEW READERS: Cynthia Love of Princeton and Bill Bunting III of Hopewell are the new Readers at First Church of Christ, Scientist, Princeton. Ms. Love is the new First Reader. She will conduct the service and read from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy. Mr. Bunting, the new Second Reader, will read from the Bible.

The congregation hosts the Promise the Children State Network Steering Committee. Also, congregation member Pat Radke has played an important role in the network. The congregation has worked with UUSC to focus the attention of elected officials on policies to improve the lives of low-income families in the state.

The UUSC Human Rights Campaign is training people at the grassroots to advocate for a consideration of human rights in local decision making.

More than 100 congregations took part in the campaign and tackled such issues as the human rights crises in southern Mexico and Burma, international women's rights, advocating for low-income U.S. families, and fighting discrimination against Native and African Americans.

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee has worked to advance human rights and social justice in more than 50 countries worldwide for more than six decades.

Panel Will Discuss Issue of Privatization

A panel discussion on the pros and cons of privatizing state government agencies will be held Sunday, January 24, at 11:15 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton, Route 216 and Cherry Hill Road.

Panelists will be Tom Bruno, chair of the Privatization Committee of Communication Workers of America Local 1040; and Arthur Maurice of the N.J. Business and Industry Association.

Moderator will be the Rev. Paul Johnson, minister of the church.

The program is part of the church's Diversity Sunday, with a focus on economic justice. The first service, at 9:15, will be addressed by visiting Unitarian Universalist Minister, the Rev. Tony Johnson.

His sermon will consider the growing concentration of wealth at the top, the decline in high school graduation at the bottom, and the increasingly contingent nature of employment in the middle.

The public is welcome at both the service and the panel.

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ART

Exhibit of Graves' Work On Display at Arts Council

"Focus on the Future," an exhibition of the drawings and plans conceived by Michael Graves & Associates for the expansion of the Arts Council of Princeton's Re-Imagined Arts Center, is now open in the center's WPA Gallery.

The plans were presented at a public hearing of the Regional Planning Board in December.

The exhibition, organized and mounted by Michael Graves & Associates, features floor plans for the renovated and expanded arts center and elevations of the proposed new building. Drawings of the interior renovations to the Loft Theater, the new community theater, the Community Room and the Barbara Sigmund Reception Hall in the new performing and visual arts wing are included.

In addition, macquettes (small preliminary models) of other Michael Graves arts center projects are on exhibit. A display of photographs of Graves-designed arts centers with interior and exterior spaces similar to those being proposed for the Arts Council, will help guests to visualize the completed Arts Council project. Mr. Graves' popular products are also on display.

The public is invited to view the exhibition, which will be open until February 13, Monday through Friday 9 to 5 and Saturday 12 to 4 at the Arts Council of Princeton, Paul Robeson Building, 102 Witherspoon Street.

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Princeton Resident Wins First Place at Stony Brook

Princeton resident Deborah Smyth has won first place in a juried art exhibition now at the Stony Brook Gallery in Hopewell Township, for her acrylic painting, *Butler and Canal.*

The mixed media exhibition, at the gallery through March 6, is entitled "Small Works of Nature."

Other Princeton artists with work in the show include Betty Whelan Donovan, Jeanne Palsey, Barbara Melerhusby, Rosemary Blair, Jere Myrick, and Rob Harvey.

Area artists are Aurelle Purdy Sprout and Linda McGwire, Pennington; Mary Michaels, Hopewell Township; and Lorraine Williams, Belle Mead.

The Stony Brook Gallery is in the Buttinger Nature Center at the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association, Titus Mill Road. Gallery hours are 10 to 5, Wednesday through Friday; and Saturday, from 10 to 4. A portion of the proceeds from any sales goes to support the nature center.

For more information, call 737-7592.

Exhibits

The College of New Jersey will host the "National Printmaking Exhibition" through February 17, at the **College Art Gallery** in Holman Hall.

Fifty-three works from across the nation were selected for the exhibit by juror Judith Brodsky, director of the Rutgers Center for Innovative Print and Paper. Ms. Brodsky will give a lecture at the gallery on January 27, at 7:30.

The gallery is located on the College of New Jersey campus, 2000 Pennington Road, Ewing, and is open Monday-Friday, from noon to 3; Thursday, 7-9; and Sunday, 1-3.

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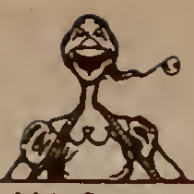

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Members of the Board of Directors to be honored as "visionaries" for their dedication to the organization will be Joseph E. Pompeo, managing partner, Arthur Anderson LLP; and Frank J. Ryan, company group chairman, Johnson & Johnson.

In honor of the occasion, Lenox will display some of its museum pieces, such as the Presidential china and the Bust of Cleopatra. Lenox vases will hold the centerpiece flowers on the dinner tables. In addition, four members of the Garden Club of New Jersey will construct table displays, featuring Lenox vases.

Other artists who will participate in the event include Linda Lanza, professional calligrapher; stone sculptor Peter Smith, of Pietro Designs, Princeton Junction; and caricaturists Steve Nyman, Don Bloom, and Gina Minichino, who will draw caricatures of all the guests attending dinner.

Prevent Blindness New Jersey is a non-profit organization with the goal of preventing blindness through programs for children, vision screening, and public and professional education.

For more information about the organization or the dinner — to which the public is invited — call (732) 329-9159.

The Princeton chapter of the **Embroiderer's Guild of America** will hold its regular monthly meetings —Wednesday, February 3, and Thursday, February 4 — at 10 a.m., at the Plainsboro Public Library, Plainsboro Municipal Complex.

All stitchers are welcome, from novice to expert. Call 275-1831, or 936-8662 for more information.

The **Delaware Valley Poets** will hold workshops on February 4 and February 18, at the Lawrenceville Public Library, Darrah Lane, Lawrenceville, starting at 7:30.

Also, in cooperation with Barnes & Noble, the group will present an evening of contemporary poetry at the bookstore at MarketFair, Route 1 South.

The program on February 8, will begin at 8. Featured will be poets Rebecca Reynolds, Hank Robert Bernstein, and Barbara Ott. An open reading will follow, starting at 9.

For more information, call (732) 849-9687.

William J. Marrazzo, president and CEO of public radio and television station WHYY, will discuss the company's impact on the region — both now and in the future — in a presentation to the **Chamber of Commerce of the Princeton Area** luncheon on Thursday, February 4. The address is entitled, "Enhance Future Services Using Multimedia Digital Technology Platform."

The meeting will take place at the Forrestal at Princeton, starting at 11:30 a.m., with a reception in the Tree House. The cost to Chamber members is $25; other guests must pay $28.

For information, or to make reservations, call 520-1776.

Julie Drawbridge

Biologist Julie Drawbridge, a Princeton resident, will address the **Lawrence Historical Society** at the group's annual meeting on Sunday, February 7. The meeting will be held from 2 to 4, at the Lawrence Municipal Building (Route 206). Dr. Drawbridge's topic will be "How DNA Rewrites History."

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Starting February 4, the **NAMI Mercer NJ**, formerly the Mercer Alliance for the Mentally Ill, will offer a free, comprehensive, 12-week course for families of persons with major depression, bi-polar illness, or schizophrenia. "Family to Family Education" classes will meet at 7 p.m., in Lawrenceville.

The course will provide information, tips on self care and coping skills, and emotional support. Space is limited; and reservations are necessary. For more information, call 777-9766.

The **Adoption Support Group of Central NJ** offers care, support, and search help for adoptees, birth parents, and adoptive parents. Professionals interested in the adoption triad are also welcome at the group's meetings, which are held the first Thursday of each month, at 7:30, at the Hillsborough Presbyterian Church, Route 206 and Homestead Road. For more information, call 279-0211.

The **Living and Loving with Chronic Illness Support Gronp** will meet from 10:30 to 12 noon, on February 3 and February 17, in the Chapel Conference Room at St. Francis Medical Center, 601 Hamilton Ave., Trenton.

The group is for anyone dealing with an ongoing physical condition like diabetes, heart disease, cancer, arthritis, neuromuscular conditions, or other problems.
Those who have recovered from an illness and want to maintain healthy habits, as well as loved ones of persons coping with a chronic condition, are also welcome.

There is a $2 fee per session. To register, call Dr. Roseann Pizzi at 599-6469.

Two breast cancer support meetings, sponsored by the **American Cancer Society**, will be held at the Princeton Breast Institute, 842 State Road, during February: February 1, at 12:30; and February 15, at 12:30.

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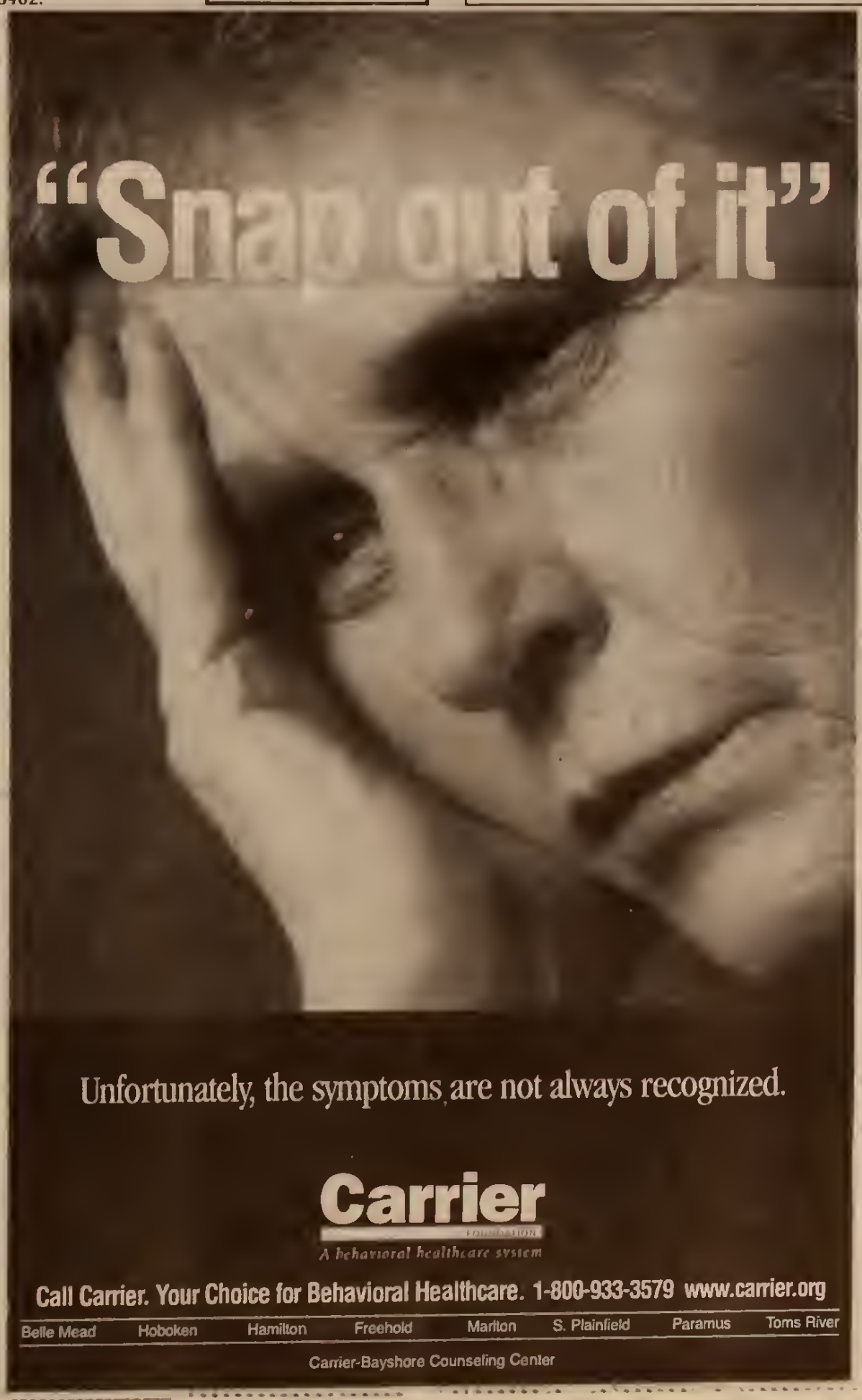

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There are herbs for every climate, environment and condition. Whether you plan to use them in a window box, a knot garden or a kitchen garden, there is an herb to fill your needs. If you are starting an herb garden, it is suggested to choose plants which are hardy to your area. As you become more experienced, you will discover the microclimates on your property and can then experiment with a variety of plants.

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An essential for herbs is well-drained soil. Most herbs prefer a slightly acid to neutral soil, with a pH of 6 to 7. After studying your light and soil conditions, make a layout of your herb garden. You can grow herbs in a traditional garden, mixing them with flowers and veggies or grow them in containers.

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You can use your herbs as borders, ground covers or edgings. Sketch your garden on graph paper and try a few designs. Choose the one most pleasing to your eye. Now, you can choose your plants!!!

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ANISE HYSSOP (Agastache foeniculum). Grows in full sun or partial shade. Pick leaves anytime for fresh use. To dry, pick individual leaves or entire stem and hang upside down. Growth is 3 to 4 feet tall. Flowers are purplish blue, blooming in spikes throughout the summer. It was used as a tea and the roots were a cough remedy.

BORAGE (Borago officinalis). Grows in full sun or light shade in dry to average soil. The leaves and flowers have a cucumberlike flavor and can be added to salads. Flowers can be floated in drinks and may be candied for use on cakes or desserts. Grows 2-3 ft. tall.

CALENDULA (Calendula officinalis). Grows in full sun and rich soil that is kept evenly moist. It is often known as Pot Marigold, but is different from the marigold grown in the garden. The crisp petals are often used as garnishes in soups. The petals are also used in teas, potpourri's and in rice as a substitute for saffron. Plants grow 6-24" high.

COSTMARY (Chrysanthemum balsamita). Grows in full sun, but less vigorously in light shade. Soil should be rich, moist and well drained for vigorous growth. Do not fertilize as it becomes weedy. It is used to flavor ale and beer and was also used as a bookmark in church because it nibbled on helped churchgoers stay awake during long sermons. The leaves are fragrant, curled and have a slightly balsam flavor and can be used in salads, stews or soups. Plants grow 2 to 3 ft. tall.

CUMBERLAND ROSEMARY (Conradina verticillata). Grows in full sun and rich well-drained soil. It withstands heat and humidity and when established tolerates fairly dry soils. The plant grows only 12 inches high and spreads to 18 inches across. In late spring, it is covered with tubular, two-lipped flowers of lavender, pink and white. The foliage is used in soups and stews.

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Next time we'll continue with a few other unusual varieties of herbs. In the meantime, remember to call WOOOWINOS (924-3500) for all your landscaping needs. We know you'll be pleased.

SPORTS

Princeton Men's Hoops Dominates Union In First Game Since Breaking for Exams

Racing against Pintos will not show you how well your Ferrari is running. But it will ease you back behind the wheel.

For over a decade Princeton has played a Division III team in its first game back from its annual break for fall semester exams. If its lopsided win over Union Monday night is any indication, the Tigers did not get too rusty during their recent 16-day layoff.

During its 81-48 win, Princeton shot over 50 percent from the field and scored the most points it has posted all year. It dominated on both offense and defense, put the game away with a 32-point run in the first half and pulled its starters shortly after halftime.

The Tigers had won five straight when they broke for exams. While Monday's laugher was encouraging, it's hard to tell whether Princeton has regained its pre-break form based on its thrashing of head coach Bill Carmody's alma mater.

Chris Krug

"It's hard to tell," Carmody said when asked what shape his team was in. "I didn't like it at the time, but when it was 9-9 early in the first half ... I wish it was like that longer ... for their sake and for our sake I wish it was a little closer. We want some tension. We want to make it tough."

Though it should win, Princeton's Ivy League games at Columbia on Friday and Cornell on Saturday will undoubtedly be tougher. "Armand has four senior starters and has played us better than anyone the last few years," Carmody said of Columbia's head coach Armand Hill, who once played at Princeton.

Columbia is 2-2 in the Ivies and 7-9 overall. Cornell is 1-3 in the league and 6-10 overall. The Tigers (2-0, 11-4) have won their last ten games with both teams; but upsets often happen in league play.

Speaking of league play, heading into the third weekend of Friday/Saturday Ivy games, Dartmouth, Penn and Princeton are all undefeated. Even though Dartmouth has four league wins so far and Princeton and Penn only have two, the Tigers and Quakers are still the teams to beat. Dartmouth is 8-8 overall and has not beaten any highly regarded opponents. Penn and Princeton are both well over .500 and each has upset a ranked opponent.

The Ivy race should come into focus in early February. Dartmouth plays Penn on the 5th and Princeton on the 6th. And, in the match everybody has been waiting for, the Tigers and Quakers meet for the first time on the 9th.

1999 IVY LEAGUE STANDINGS

Thursday, January 21
Penn 75 - Drexel 65

Friday, January 22
Brown 68 - Yale 56

Saturday, January 23
Columbia 76 - Cornell 65

Monday, January 25
Princeton 81 - Union 48
Denver 63 - Yale 62

	Ivy			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Dartmouth	4	0	1.000	8	8	.500
Penn	2	0	1.000	10	3	.769
Princeton	**2**	**0**	**1.000**	**11**	**4**	**.733**
Columbia	2	2	.500	7	9	.438
Brown	2	2	.500	4	12	.250
Harvard	1	3	.250	7	9	.438
Cornell	1	3	.250	6	10	.375
Yale	0	3	.000	1	13	.071

Friday, January 29
Princeton at Columbia
Penn at Cornell

Saturday, January 30
Princeton at Cornell
Penn at Columbia
Brown at Dartmouth
Yale at Harvard

One Sided Affair

Union never led, but did tie the game when David Musella hit a 3-pointer to make it 9-9 with 12:28 left in the first half. He scored a game-high 18 points

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on the night, but, after tying the game, neither he nor his teammates found the net for 10 minutes.

After Ryan Murray ended the drought with two free throws at the 2:22 mark, the score was 41-9. Though it made two more from the line before the half ended, Union's first field goal since Musella's 3 did not come until the 16:27 mark of the second half — a 16-minute gap.

The Dutchmen's starting point guard, Zena Woldeyesus, was injured and did not play. They could have used him. Union struggled against Princeton's press. The Tigers made 11 steals.

"We haven't faced a press like that," Musella said afterwards. "It [the game] shows how we can't just do our own things out there ... how much we have to play as a team to be as efficient as Princeton."

"We get a better appreciation for where we're at and where we want to get," Union coach Bob Montana said when asked what he could take away from such a one-sided loss. "This is great experience for the kids. Princeton is a challenging team to play from both a physical and intellectual standpoint."

Chris Young, Princeton's 6-foot-10 freshman center, led his team with 14 points, seven rebounds and four blocked shots. After several early misses, senior guard Brian Earl nailed four 3-pointers. Chris Krug, a 6-foot-9 freshman forward, scored 10, grabbed seven boards and blocked three shots.

A New Position

Krug was a highly touted high school center who is learning to play forward. Unlike Young, who has played beyond expectations at his natural position, Krug has struggled to adjust at times. He looked comfortable Monday.

"It's very different both offensively and defensively," Krug said. "I didn't play too much forward. As a taller guy, I usually had my back to the basket. There are lots of things to get used to: I'm up front on the press, more dribbling, looking to the basket."

In his first two seasons, Carmody did not do much juggling with his lineup. His starting five was his finishing five, and they played in the middle too. But with three players from last year gone, and several exciting new recruits competing for playing time, he has many more options. One of those options is Eugene Baah, a freshman who played 21 minutes against Union, dished out a career-high seven assists (with no turnovers) and scored three points.

Bill Carmody

"They're trying to develop me as an all around player," the former Hun School star said. "I was not shooting well so I looked to pass."

He enjoyed his longest run in a game so far, but felt no pressure to impress his coaches with spectacular scoring plays. "Any time you can get is good. But practices here are very competitive. And the coaches want to see you run the offense, not look to score points."

Apparently you do not need to score points on the court to score points with the coaches. Carmody has described Baah as a playmaker and has said he is usually involved in whatever is happening on the floor.

Though Carmody hoped for a closer game, the blowout enabled him to give all his players some run.

NOTES: The last time Union and Princeton played was in 1920. Union won 25-22. Heading into Monday's game, the Dutchmen had not played a Division I opponent since 1983 ... Princeton improved to No. 32 in the latest Coaches Poll — their highest ranking this season ... On the season, Princeton has shot 361 3-pointers and 333 2-pointers ... The Tigers have out-rebounded nine of their last 10 opponents and are on pace to outrebound their foes on the season — a feat they last accomplished in 1967-68.

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Tiger Hockey Back in Action at Home This Weekend

All things considered, the Princeton hockey team came out of its two-week exam break in pretty good shape in the ECAC standings, and the Tigers will now get a chance to put some distance between themselves and the teams that have crept closer.

After a warm-up contest against Army at West Point scheduled to be played this past Tuesday, coach Don Cahoon's skaters will be back in Baker Rink Friday and Saturday nights against Cornell and Colgate. Opening face-off is 7:30 on Friday and 30 minutes earlier on Saturday.

ECAC HOCKEY

Friday, January 22

Cornell 2 Colgate 0
RPI 5 Western Michigan 2
Union 2 Army 0

Saturday, January 23

Clarkson 5 St. Lawrence 4
Cornell 1 Colgate 1 (OT)
Dartmouth 3 Vermont 1
RPI 2 Western Michigan 0
Yale 5 Army 1

Sunday, January 24

Brown 5 Northeastern 5 (OT)

	ECAC				Overall		
	W	L	T	Pts	W	L	T
Rensselaer	8	2	1	17	15	5	1
Princeton	7	2	1	15	11	4	1
St Lawrence	7	2	1	15	12	9	1
Clarkson	7	3	0	14	10	9	1
Colgate	6	3	1	13	11	6	3
Cornell	5	2	3	13	8	8	3
Yale	4	5	1	9	6	10	1
Brown	2	6	4	8	3	8	4
Dartmouth	3	7	1	7	7	10	1
Vermont	3	7	1	7	9	10	1
Harvard	3	9	1	7	8	9	1
Union	1	8	1	3	3	15	2

This Weekend's Games

Friday, January 29

Cornell at Princeton
Colgate at Yale
Clarkson at Union
St. Lawrence at RPI

Saturday, January 30

Colgate at Princeton
Cornell at Yale
Clarkson at RPI
Dartmouth at Vermont
St. Lawrence at Union
Brown at MSU-Mankato

In the worst case scenario, the Orange and Black could have been looking up from fourth place, but neither Colgate or St. Lawrence was able to win last weekend, and Old Nassau remains tied for second with the Saints, two points behind RPI. However, Clarkson is coming on and now is just one point behind.

HE'S NO. 1: Dave Stathos, who started both games before the exam break, has emerged as the Tigers' first-string goalie.

With six weekends or 12 league games left on the schedule, the point totals indicate that six teams will probably battle for the top four places and a quarterfinal home series, and five — all but Union — will be in competition for the remaining playoff spots. Just four points separate the top six, and just two separate the next five.

The Tigers have the ability to do some immediate damage to Colgate and Cornell's chances of finishing as one of the top four. They will face the Big Red and the Raiders on consecutive weekends, home then away, and a sweep of either opponent would not only put them six points ahead, but give them the first tiebreaker as well. Overall, if Princeton can double the 15 points it has so far, it should finish in the top four.

The Tigers haven't beaten Cornell during the regular season in four years, but in typical fashion they whipped the Big Red 6-2 in last year's preliminary round of the ECAC championships at Lake Placid after losing twice to it during the season. The Tigers' last regular season win over Cornell came in February, 1995. Cahoon's troops have had better success against Colgate, winning four of the last six.

Going into the stretch run, Princeton has everybody healthy, and the only question mark is when Cahoon's suspension of Jason Given will end. The senior forward has not played since his altercation with the police in mid-December.

One final note, E.M. Swift's article on the Princeton hockey team, "Pussycats No More," ran in last week's Sports Illustrated.

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Panther Hockey Is Back on Track After First Loss

The question Princeton Day hockey players and their fans alike had been asking themselves the past two years finally got answered last Wednesday.

The resurgence of the school's program under second-year coach Chris Barcless had produced a 19-4-1 season last year and an 8-0-1 mark so far this winter, but one good indication of the Panthers' progress was missing: "How did they stack up against Lawrenceville?"

The prep power five miles down Route 206 South has always been a good measuring stick for PDS athletics. Beat the Big Red in any sport, boys or girls, and you're doing well. Last Wednesday, Barcless and his troops got the answer they sought, and while they can't quite call themselves the equal of Lawrenceville hockey, they came close in a 5-3 loss.

And by Friday, PDS was back on its winning track, whipping Morristown-Beard, 4-1, to run its record to 9-1-1.

PDS and Lawrenceville had a great rivalry going during the 1970's and 80's, but the two teams had not met since February, 1990 when the Big Red routed PDS, 11-0. Varsity play between the two was halted after that, and it took Princeton Day eight years to get its program in good enough shape to face Lawrenceville again.

The Larries have struggled this year, no better than 5-9-2 at the moment, but those losses have come against the best prep schools in the Northeast, and they will always rank as one of the best teams in New Jersey. So PDS had its work cut out for it from the opening face-off.

And it took just 1:37 for its work to get more difficult. Matt Scanlan needed only that amount of time to put the home team ahead, 1-0. If that was a wake-up call, it took the Panthers just a little over a minute to answer it. With PDS a man up, Matt Riepenhoff took a pass from Craig Weissman and sent a slap shot by goalie Sean Knaub.

Lawrenceville struck again near the six-minute mark when John Hilton scored. Again, the Panthers answered, this time three minutes later, when freshman John Garrett Denise slammed home a short pass from behind the net by Scott Schaub. The first period ended with the two teams tied at 2-2.

The outcome of the game turned on a 2½-minute stretch that opened the second. Scanlon tallied in the opening 14 seconds and Ewing Lloyd made it 4-2 when his wrist shot slid under the pads of PDS goalie Armand Buzantian.

Lawrenceville kept up the pressure, but Buzantian, with help from defenseman Matt Blatterfein who saved one shot, did not allow another score in the second. Meanwhile the Big Red got careless on a power play, and PDS capitalized, with Denise tipping in a pass from J.D. Schaub to finish off a short-handed two-on-one break.

The third period saw Lawrenceville control the puck the majority of the time, with PDS getting an occasional chance to bring about another deadlock. With less than a minute left, the Big Red finally sealed the outcome with its fifth goal.

Both teams felt they could have played better. Lawrenceville's Scanlon thought about his team's failure to seize numerous opportunities to lock up the contest in the second. Barcless praised his players' efforts, but noted several mistakes.

"We turned the puck over on all the goals," he said. We made blatant, brutal mistakes. I just hope we learn from it."

Princeton Day will discover whether it has learned anything next month. It will get at least two more checks on its progress when it plays Portledge February 10 and Seton Hall Prep February 17. PDS lost to both last season, 7-2, and 5-0.

Rebounding against Morristown-Beard on Friday, PDS tallied twice in the first and twice in the second to run up a 4-0 lead, before Buzantian allowed the visitors their lone goal in the third period. Alex Nanfara and Alex Woller led the way with a goal and an assist, and J.D. Schaub collected three assists. Blatterfein and Riepenhoff also scored for the Panthers.

This week Barcless' boys will have just one contest, facing Brick Township High School on Wednesday. They will not play again until the following Tuesday, February 2 against St. Joseph's. The Hun contest originally scheduled for Friday, January 15 but iced out by the weather will not be rescheduled. The two teams had already met once, and may face each other again in the semifinals of the Prep Tournament set for Monday, February 8, if Hun can beat Mo-Beard. The finals are set for Saturday, February 13 at PDS.

January Is Not Too Early To Think Tiger Lacrosse

Once the calendar turns over to a new year, it's not too early to begin thinking about lacrosse, because the spring season has a way of sneaking up on you around here.

That's because the focus is on the Princeton basketball team, which usually is waiting to hear who, where and when it will be playing in the first round of the NCAA tournament, and Tiger hockey, which is preparing for a its usual torrid stretch run in the ECAC playoffs.

So, here is ample notice for fans of Old Nassau's lacrosse team. The three-time NCAA defending champions always open the season with the strongest opponents, and 1999 is no exception. There are just six contests at home on the regular season schedule, and two of them will come in the first two weeks.

Johns Hopkins, rated as a pre-season number one pick in one poll, (Princeton is tops in the other) will be here to open the season on Saturday, March 6. The Blue Jays will be followed by Virginia on Saturday, March 13. Both contests will begin at 1 in Class of 1952 stadium.

The Tigers, who captured their third consecutive national title last May with a 15-5 triumph over Maryland, whipped Johns Hopkins 17-10 a year ago in Baltimore, but had their 29-game winning streak end a week later when Virginia won 9-7 in Charlottesville. They began a new streak the next week against North Carolina, and now have won 13 consecutive games.

After facing the Cavaliers here, the Tigers will be on the road for the next month playing the Tar Heels, Rutgers, Yale and Penn. Brown will be here April 10 and Harvard on the 17th. A key road trip comes up the following week when the Orange and Black travels to upper New York state to face Cornell on Saturday, April 24 and Syracuse, a day later.

It's the first time Old Nassau has faced the Orangemen in the regular season since a 14-11 loss to them at the start of the 1976 season. The two met in the semifinals of last year's NCAA tournament at Rutgers Stadium with Princeton rallying for a dramatic 11-10 triumph after trailing 10-7 early in the fourth period.

Contests against Dartmouth and Hobart the first two Saturdays in May will round out the regular season home schedule, however, one of the quarterfinal rounds is scheduled to be played here on Saturday, May 22. The finals as always on Memorial Day weekend May 29-31 will be back at the University of Maryland.

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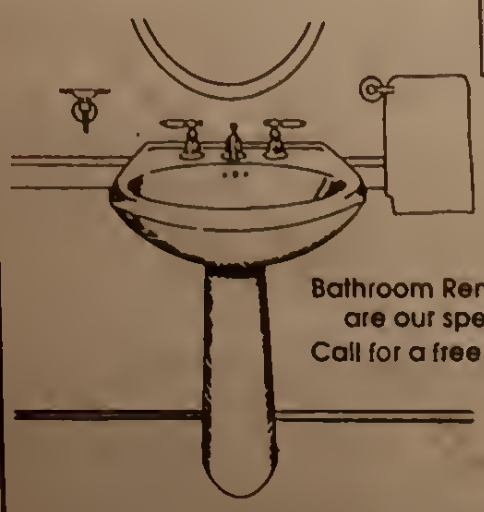

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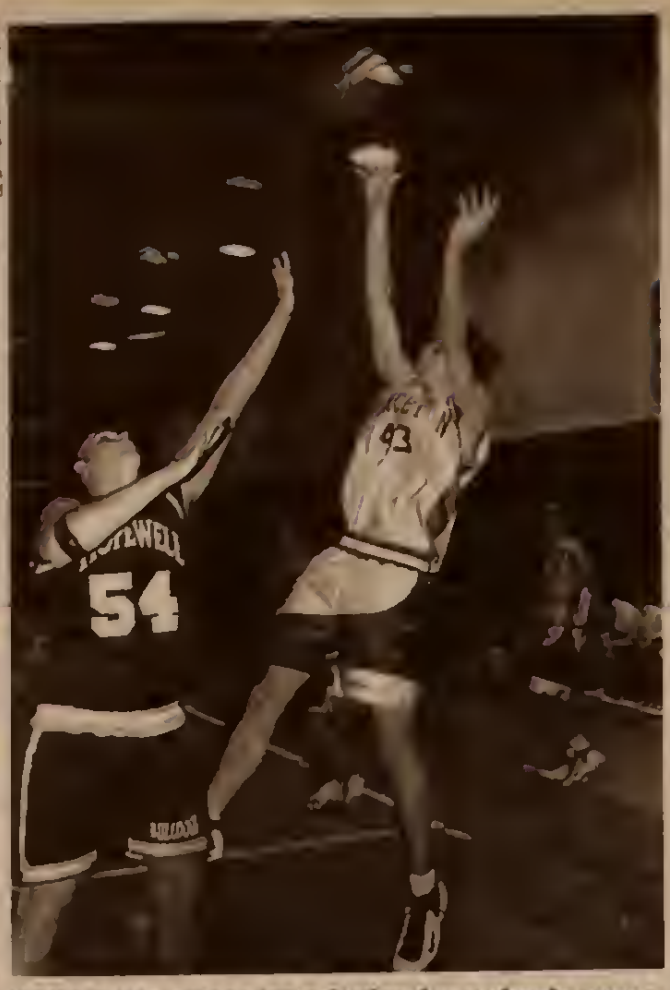

HANG TIME: Princeton's Stefan Apse shoots over a Hopewell defender during Friday's game at PHS.
(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

PHS Boys' Hoops Notches Second Win Of 1998-99 Season

When a 1-9 team is behind going into the fourth quarter of a close game, it is usually safe to assume they are going to lose. Usually but not always, as Princeton demonstrated recently.

The Tigers (2-10) were down a point at the end of the third period against visiting Allentown on January 21. Thanks to clutch play and a little luck, they came out on top (60-56).

Their second win was sandwiched between two loses: to Steinert on the 19th (73-41) and to Hopewell Valley on the 22nd (59-42).

Against Allentown, PHS was a step behind for the first three periods but had a bit more kick at the end. Lynwood Marshall scored on a fast break to give the Tigers their first lead, 39-38, early in the fourth quarter.

Both teams scored fast and furious in the decisive period. The Tigers were up, 54-52, in its waning minutes when they got a lucky break. Allentown coach Brian Fifield was whistled for a technical foul after he spiked a ball in frustration over a Redbird turnover.

Dan Dobin made two from the charity stripe to pad the Tiger lead and force the visitors to foul on the following PHS possession. Aaron Levy, who led all scorers with 17, made both free throws to ice the game.

Noah Scovronick added 15 points for the Tigers. Marshall scored nine and played solid defense against the Redbirds' top offensive player, Greg Anacker, who scored 15 but did not take over the game as he is capable of doing.

Against Hopewell, Scovronick scored 12 points, and Bobby Davison netted 10. But no other Tigers scored in double figures and they reached double figures in losses.

Hopewell's Brad Billmeier and Colin Moriarity each lit up their hosts for 16 points. Emil Baczyk and Matt Katz added 10 points each. And the Bulldogs improved to 5-7. Princeton fell behind, 29-13, over the first 16 minutes and scored just five points in the second quarter. However, it looked much better in the second half and was only outscored by three points over the last two periods.

Steinert's Geoff Bigos, the Colonial Valley Conference's top scorer, was battling the flu when his team hosted PHS on January 19. He looked just fine while scoring 17 points. The same cannot be said for the Tigers, who lost by 32 points.

Scovronick netted 14 points; Levy added 8; and Davison had 6 for Princeton. Mike Conover scored a game high 22 points, snatched 12 rebounds and blocked two shots for Steinert, which won its 36th consecutive CVC game. Bigos entered the game leading the conference in 3-point shooting and showed why by nailing three of them.

—Albert Raboteau

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PDS Quintet Loses Two; Record Falls Below .500

The Princeton Day boys' basketball team dropped a pair of games last week and saw its record dip below .500 for the first time since mid-December.

The Panthers, in the midst of a three-game losing streak, are now 7-8 after a 68-46 beating by Patterson Catholic last Wednesday, and a 53-42 loss to Peddie.

After a contest scheduled to be played against Hun this past Tuesday, the Blue and White will face Morristown-Beard on Thursday and St. Benedict's Saturday.

The loss to Patterson Catholic left coach Alan Taback shaking his head.

"We came to the game, we play hard for a half, and then we lost our focus," Taback commented after the game. "We played very poorly. It was the worst we have played all year. It was a game we could have easily won."

Taback saw his troops take a 15-12 lead in the first quarter, and then trailed by four at the intermission. But a close game began to get out of hand in the third period when the visitors expanded their advantage to 46-35. The fourth quarter was all BC, which won going away, 68-46.

Justin Leith did his part, scoring a season-high 29 points, but no one else could manage more than five in support of him.

CRASHING THE BOARDS: Princeton's Noah Scovronick (33) and Brigham Tallmadge (23) got position for this rebound during Friday's loss to Hopewell. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

Playing Peddie in Hightstown, PDS fell behind by three at the end of the first quarter, and nine by halftime. A slow third period by both teams left the Panthers trailing by 12, 38-26, entering the final eight minutes. And who would have given them much chance of a comeback with both Leith and Joe Gallo on the bench with ankle injuries.

But come back they did, scoring 14 of the first 16 points in the quarter to tie the score. Unfortunately, the Falcons staged their own rally at this point and built the final margin of victory back up to 11 points. Pierre Downing paced the PDS comeback scoring 11 of his team-high 14 points in the fourth period. Shoaf collected 12.

Losing Streak Continues For PHS Girls' Quintet

Princeton lost its eighth game in a row, at Hopewell Valley January 22. It had fallen at home to Steinert on the 19th.

Roswell Reed scored a game high 16 points against HV. But her teammates could muster only 11 points combined. And the Tigers (1-8) lost 58-27. Reed also led her team in scoring against Steinert; she had six in that game, which Princeton lost 60-25.

On the 22nd, the Bulldog's Kelly Cramp hurt the Tigers in every possible way. She had 13 points, five rebounds, six steals and five assists. HV held Princeton under ten points in every period and scored at least 12 points in each quarter.

Along with Reed's six points, Kim Kaczmarek and Sara Sievers scored four apiece, Molly O'Grady netted three, and Alyssa Shell, Svetlana Lyubovskaya, Jamie Cipriano and Tammy Wang had two points each to round out the Tiger scoring column against the Spartans.

Kristie Roche and Lisa Gentilella paced the winners with 16 points each. Steinert sprinted to a 21-6 lead in the first quarter and increased its edge in each following quarter. The Tigers have been held under 30 points five times this season.

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IN CONTROL: Katie Jondahl eluded a Beacon Hill defender during Friday's game at Baker Rink. PHS won 9-2. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

PHS Girls' Hockey Improves to 6-1 With Latest Wins

Talk about a conflict of interest. Beacon Hill did not bring its goalie to Friday's game against PHS at Baker Rink, so Leigh Paterson, Princeton's reserve keeper, donned the pads and played against her teammates.

The Tigers won, 9-2, and improved to 6-1. In their last meeting, during which they faced a less sympathetic goalie, PHS beat Beacon Hill 6-2, so don't blame Paterson for her team — er — opponent's loss.

PHS jumped out to a 4-1 lead in the first period thanks to two goals from Cristin Teifer, one from Amanda Becan and one from Abby Brener. Becan and Jen Werner scored a goal each in the second to give their squad a 6-2 edge heading into the third. In the third, Becan scored once and Werner twice. Each earned a hat trick and the Tigers earned their sixth win.

Stuart did everything it had to do in order to beat PHS, except put the puck in the net. Credit Naomi Britt for that; the junior keeper made 25 saves and enabled her team to win, even though it was out-shot 27-12 at Ice Land.

Kate Jondahl had two goals, and Jen Werner, Amanda Becan and Cristin Teifer each scored once to give their goalie more than enough goal support. In the first period, Werner got PHS on the board and Jondahl netted her first goal.

Becan, Jondahl and Teifer struck, in that order, in the second. Stuart, which was coming off a 7-0 win over a club team from the University of Pennsylvania, fell to 2-3 and is now 2-4, after losing, 3-1, to Holton Arms of Maryland on Sunday.

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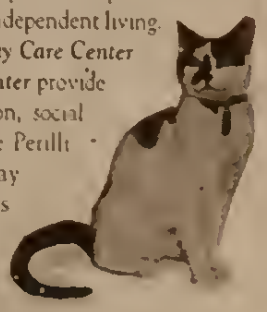

DOUBLE TEAM: Kerry Bunting battles for the puck with two Beacon Hill players Friday.

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Despite Forfeits PHS Boys' Hockey Has Shot at States

The Tigers are skating on thin ice these days but so far it has held.

Qualifying for the state tournament seemed impossible after PHS was forced to forfeit four wins for using an illegible player. The punishment, issued earlier this month, knocked Princeton's record from 4-4 to 0-8.

At press time, PHS had won five straight since the forfeits. It beat Montgomery, 9-2, on January 20 and Nottingham, 9-1, on January 22. Now that the Tigers are 5-8, a trip to the post-season does not seem so farfetched. But they will be tested.

At press time Tuesday, Princeton was hosting Notre Dame and, on February 1, it is scheduled to host Hopewell Valley. The Irish and Bulldogs each beat the Tigers, in close contests, earlier this season.

PHS has seven games left. If it beats or ties either ND or HV it will be in good shape because, with the exception of West Windsor-Plainsboro, its other remaining opponents are teams it has beaten easily in earlier meetings this year (though it forfeited two of those wins).

Tom Shannon notched his second hat trick in a row, and Eric Krieger netted three as well to lead Princeton by Nottingham at Mercer County Rink.

The Tigers came out firing and scored four unanswered goals in the first period. They increased their lead to 6-0 in the second and outscored the Northstars, 3-1, in the third.

Terrence Miller had two goals and Kevan Graydon netted one to round out the Tigers' offensive assault on goalie Matt Crea, who faced 44 Princeton shots on the day. Nottingham's Mike Nexon ruined PHS goalie Gordon Wu's shutout bid by scoring the first goal of the final period.

Graydon scored four goals and had two assists, and Shannon had a hat trick and three assists to lead visiting PHS by Montgomery. Christopher Hansen added a goal and an assist and Miller also found the net. Eric Krieger and Ben Brenner each had two assists.

The Tigers led 2-1 at the end of the first period and broke the game open with three consecutive goals in the second. Shawn Cooney and Adrian Fedak scored for Montgomery.

Though it lost to both teams, PHS has one advantage over ND and HV. It will be playing for its playoff life, and that may make all the difference. Good teams are even more dangerous with their backs to the wall.

—Albert Raboteau

PDS Girls Quintet Scores Against Purnell

The 3-11 Princeton Day girls basketball team got at least a temporary respite last Friday from the one-sided beatings it has suffered through this season.

The Panthers had Purnell on the schedule, and turned that contest into a rout in their favor, rebounding from a defeat by Wardlaw-Hartridge 48 hours earlier. This week the Blue and White will face George School and Morristown-Beard.

When an 8-1 team meets a 2-10 the result is usually pretty lopsided, and such was the case when Wardlaw-Hartridge faced the Panthers last Wednesday. The outcome of this mismatch was sealed in the first quarter when the Rams took a 20-2 lead. Less anyone still be uncertain the home team poured it on in the second period and led 41-4 at the intermission.

The winners mercifully attempted to keep the score down in the second after, allowing PDS to outscore them in the final two quarters for a 56-25 final. WH's Quidara Russell outscored the entire PDS quintet with 26 points. Anne Jamieson had eight for the Blue and White.

On Friday, PDS was in charge early, jumping out to an 11-3 lead against Purnell. The Panthers ran the advantage up to 23-7 by halftime, and kept right on rolling through the third and fourth quarters for a 45-17 final. Ann Schorling and Page Schmucker combined for 18 points.

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Hun Boys' Basketball Loses to George School

The George School overcame a five-point halftime deficit to beat Hun at home Friday.

Jermaine Jackson led all scorers with 17 points. But he could not stop the Raiders (4-12) from losing their second game in a row. George (8-3) erased Hun's halftime lead with an 18-4 run in the third period, then survived a fourth period Raider rally to win 41-35.

The first half was characterized by physical play and good defense.

George jumped out to a four point lead and was up, 10-6 after eight minutes. But Hun dominated in the second period; it outscored its foe 11-2 in that quarter and led 17-12 at the break.

George was equally dominant in the third. It reeled off seven straight points to pull ahead, 19-17, then pulled away with an 11-2 run over the last 5:24 of the quarter.

Jamal Mobley sank consecutive three-pointers to put George up 30-19 with a minute left in the quarter. Hun answered once before the buzzer signaled the end of the period, and outscored George 14-11 over the last eight minutes, but could not catch up.

Mobley led the visitors with 12 points. Shaun Greene chipped in 11 for the winners. Mike Kaplan scored nine for Hun, and his teammate, Eric Basroon, netted five.

Hun Boys' Hockey Team Loses 5th, 6th in a Row

With losses to Morristown-Beard on Saturday and Pingry on Monday, Hun slid to 3-8, and its losing streak reached six games.

Hun, which scored 15 points over its first two games this season, has struggled to put the puck in the net since then. It fell 5-1 to Pingry and 3-1 to M-B. Andy Mikolasy tallied the lone Raider goals in each game.

Hun lost three big scorers (Nick Burke, Geo Harris and Ian Young) to graduation last spring and is still looking for someone to fill their skates.

Pingry scored once in the first quarter, then iced the game with three goals in the second. Mikolasy ended the Big Blue's shutout bid in the third, with assists from Fran Cattani and Joe Lorbeck. Pingry added one more goal and improved to 10-4 with the win.

Hun fell to M-B for the second time this season. Mikolasy scored unassisted in the second period; but M-B scored a goal per period and improved to 7-5-1. Hun's goalie, Kevin Walker, blocked 22 of his opponent's 25 shots.

Boys Win, Girls Lose In P'ton High Swim Meet

In its meets against Hightstown January 21, Princeton's boys' team won every event and improved to 7-1, while its girls' squad won five events but lost and slipped to 1-6.

Matt Hand and Rick Pickett won four events apiece, and Mike Jordan and Joel Ristuccia each won three to help the boys drown the Rams (3-7).

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PDS Girls Victorious Over Lawrenceville For First Time Ever

The Princeton Day girls' ice hockey team is 7-1 so far this season, and there is no question which of its seven triumphs is the most significant.

For the first time in their history, the Panthers defeated Lawrenceville last Friday, winning 6-4. And they did it at Lavino Rink, where 48 hours earlier the PDS boys could not quite pull off the same feat.

Coached by Heidi Herms, this is as talented a team as PDS has ever put on the ice. Many of its players also skate for the outstanding club team, the Princeton Tiger Lillies. This week the Blue and White will face the Lawrence Lady Bugs at Iceland on Thursday, and Portsmouth Abbey School on Saturday.

Princeton Day wasted no time against Lawrenceville, jumping out to a 2-0 lead in the first period. Alley Welsh tallied, with Courtney Riepenhoff and Laura Gosnell picking up assists. Her sister, Lauren, picked up the next goal, assisted by Steph Friedman and Gosnell, before Lawrenceville cut the deficit to 2-1.

Gosnell answered that one before the period ended, giving the Panthers a 3-1 lead to take into the second. However, the Big Red wasn't about to quit; the home team got goals from Meg Roddy and Lauren Fisch, and held PDS scoreless, forcing a 3-3 tie at the end of two.

When the third period began, Lauren Welsh took over, scoring three goals in about three minutes to give PDS a 6-3 lead. The Big Red managed to get just one back before the game ended. Goalie Sharon Herbert played well, facing 37 shots and stopping 33.

In a contest against Beacon Hill Club earlier last week, each team got off 17 shots on goal, but the difference was Herbert, who stopped every one, earning her first shutout of the year. The Panthers got the only goal they would need with 1.20 left in the first period. Friedman tallied assisted by Lauren Welsh.

Alex Koerte added the second goal, off a pass from Courtney Riepenhoff, midway through the second for a 2-0 final.

STUFFED: George's Justin Smith (left) caught Hun's Mike Kaplan on this play.

Four Special Olympians Preparing to Compete

Four Princeton residents are among the more than 500 athletes who have advanced to the 1999 Special Olympics New Jersey Winter Games, which will take place January 31 through February 2.

The local Olympians, who are participating in cross country skiing events which will take place at Campgaw Mountain in Mahwah, are: 15-year-old Thomas Kraus, Marc Pine (17), Karina Escobar (20) and Robert Nester (23).

Special Olympics New Jersey is a nonprofit organization that provides year round training and competition in 23 olympic-type sports to children and adults with developmental disabilities, including mental retardation.

Events are held during all four seasons and all competitions are conducted by certified sports officials according to national governing body sports rules.

For more information about Special Olympics New Jersey, visit its web site at www.sonj.org or call (800) 336-6576

Area Wrestling Society Wins First Two Matches

The Princeton Area Wrestling Society (PAWS) recently opened its season with wins over Lawrence and West Windsor.

Against Lawrence, Andy Blitzer notched a pin, while his PAWS teammates Sam Thypin, David Blitzer, Stuart Blair, Erik Cooper, Nick Thypin, Anthony Balsamo and Peter Asmuth all won by decision.

Against West Windsor, Asmuth, Cooper, Blair and Nathan Guerin notched pins. David Blitzer, Balsamo, Sam Thypin, Trevor Hulfish and Patrick Gallagher won by decision. And David Blitzer, Balsamo and Gallagher also pinned opponents in second matches.

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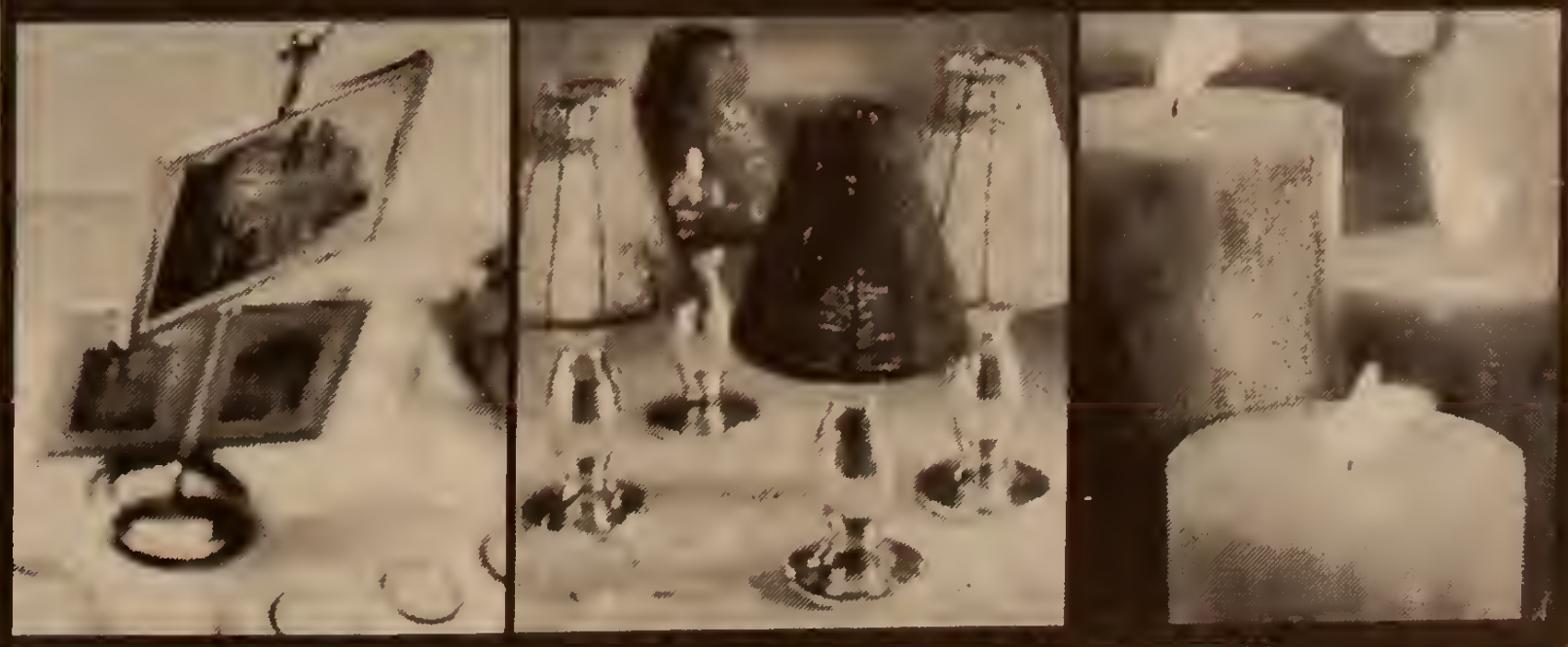

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WITHERSPOON PERSPECTIVE: This rendering of the new Township municipal complex, by Kehrt Shatken Sharon Architects, shows the access from Witherspoon Street. The steps in the drawing, leading to the courtyard, will be directly across Witherspoon Street from the current entrance to the Valley Road Building municipal offices. A May groundbreaking is anticipated.

Township Municipal Complex

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Shortly before Thanksgiving, recreation department personnel moved into temporary quarters at the Valley Road building.

Finished in 2001

If all continues to go according to plan, Mr. Kehrt estimates that the new municipal building will be finished by November 2001. After all personnel have moved in, the police department will move its operations into the ground floor, with an entrance from Valley Road. The present police building will be demolished.

The building will consist of both a two-story and a three-story wing. The Township Committee chambers — which will double as a municipal courtroom — will be located directly across Witherspoon Street from the present municipal meeting room, on the second floor of the two-story wing. Township administrative offices will also be on that level.

Access to the building will be through a courtyard on Witherspoon Street. Two public entrances will lead to the Administrative wing on the south or to the assembly facilities on the east. A large community meeting room will be located on the first floor of the two-story wing.

"A lot of decisions still have to be made," Mr. Kehrt noted, "like furniture. We are doing that as we do the interiors."

The building facade, he also stated, will be two shades of red brick, with cast stone details; meetings are ongoing concerning the landscaping, but the courtyard will be both concrete paving and grass.

The three-story portion will lie parallel to Valley Road — with the mayor's office located at the Witherspoon end of the wing.

Plans will be brought back to the Committee one more time before groundbreaking, according to Committeewoman Roslyn Denard. "It is important to note that all department heads had input and shared the plans with their staff members," she noted, "and that everyone's needs will be met."

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Gospel Benefit

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years, she also has a biological son, Robbie, 16, a junior at Princeton High School, and is taking care of a 9-month-old foster child.

"All my adopted kids and most of my foster children are crack babies, and they're doing wonderfully," said Ms. Jefferson. "They were born with an addiction to crack cocaine. They go through about two weeks of screaming, and it just works its way out of their system.

"It's rough," she added, with the determination of someone willing to be at the side of each of her babies to help them through their ordeal.

Babies born addicted to crack are usually left with either learning or behavior problems, Ms. Jefferson said. But she emphasized that they can be helped by early intervention. "I take all of them to Project Child, have them evaluated, and whatever they're lacking in, they bring them to par." All her school-age children are in the right, age-appropriate grade, and she is clearly proud of them.

Courtney is one of three sisters adopted by Ms. Jefferson. A hereditary condition carried by her biological mother caused her liver to deteriorate. This condition attacks either the liver or the lungs; Courtney's 5-year-old sister, Colby, has developed problems in her lungs.

"It did not attack Colby's liver, but she will have problems in her adult years with bronchitis," said Ms. Jefferson. "She cannot smoke, and neither one can smoke or drink."

Courtney was on the waiting list for a liver transplant for a year and a half before the surgery. She still must take medications and be driven back to St. Christopher's every three weeks for blood work.

Also, Courtney visits St. Christopher's twice a month to see a psychiatrist. "She's having a hard time dealing with not being sick anymore because she has been sick all her life," explained her mother. "She's trying to deal with being well again, and it's a hard situation."

Ms. Jefferson's van — which she uses to go back and forth to Philadelphia as well as for every other trip necessary to take care of a family of seven — will be paid off in two months. "And you know," she said, "they just fall apart when they're going to be paid off. It's on its last legs."

But she remains optimistic, and grateful for the help of the Princeton community. "I've just been blessed over and over again," Ms. Jefferson said. "All-Saints' Church, even before Courtney went into the hospital, picked up on my plight with my babies. They have a basket for me with paper products. They bring me paper towels, toilet paper, and diapers. They've been a Godsend."

Community Offers Support

Ms. Jefferson's neighbors, as well as other churches in the community, including her own First Baptist, have also reached out to her. And she was overwhelmed by the kindness of the people at Riverside School.

"All Courtney's teachers and specialty teachers, and the principal, came to the hospital. They bought me dinners, helped me to visit Courtney when I didn't have money to go there, stayed at the hospital, and offered to baby-sit while Courtney was in the hospital for six weeks."

A Princeton Regional tutor gave Ms. Jefferson a freezer and stocked it with food. Neighbors have left boxes of food on her steps. The Gap adopted the family for Christmas. "And this man, out of nowhere, came to the Transplant Unit at St. Christopher's and wanted to adopt a family. They gave him my name and he adopted us for Christmas."

ORGANIZING A BENEFIT: Among those planning the gospel benefit for Courtney Jefferson and her family, to be held February 7 at John Witherspoon Middle School, are Faith Miller, standing, left, of the Neighborhood Committee of the Arts Council; and Deborah Agnew, of the Arts Council. Seated are Jo Ellen Jefferson and her daughter Courtney.

Jo Ellen Jefferson's roots in Princeton are deep. Her mother, Olga Hill Greene, grew up in the white house near the Township's Stony Brook School on Route 206. Her great-grandfather was a chauffeur for the Pyne estate, and her grandmother, his child, was a maid. She lived with her family on Leigh Avenue until she was 8, when her parents bought a home in Franklin Township.

Ms. Jefferson is a pre-school teacher, but she hasn't worked for the past 2½ years because of Courtney's illness. She is eager to return, and has applied for a position at Bristol-Myers Squibb's planned new daycare center.

"I'm ready to go back to work. I'm a person who needs to work. It gets a little crazy, but I'm hoping I can be home when they get home from school. I found out that they really enjoy me being home."

Loves Writing

Courtney's favorite subject at Riverside is writing. She writes poems and memoirs, and adds to a journal every day. Her desire, however, is to be an actress when she grows up. Her mother said she is trying to get her into McCarter Theatre's children's classes.

Ms. Jefferson held in her arms her 9-month-old foster child, Madison, who was suffering from sniffles and a fever. "I'm so in love with her it's unreal. But I don't have the space and I don't have the finances to adopt one more. Its pushing it.

"Besides," she adds with a combination of a laugh and a sigh, "I'm 47 years old."

Because of her children's special needs, her schedule is full. She has to be at school often to talk with the specialty teachers. Also, her youngest, Tyler, has behavioral problems resulting from his crack addiction at birth. "He's only 2½, and I don't know where he's going to take me as far as these problems."

Her dream right now is to have a house. Although she has four bedrooms, she needs something larger because she has adopted so many children that she has room to take in only one or two foster children.

Ms. Jefferson has brought into her life child after child with special needs because, she says, "I have a really good connection with God. He's always in my life and he has always blessed me. I've asked all my life what it is He needs me to do, and this is what He gave me. This is my ministry. It comes from the heart and takes nothing away from me. It only gives me joy."

Tickets to the gospel benefit are $10. Persons may become a sponsor for $200 or a booster for $25-$99. Sponsors receive two tickets to the benefit. All sponsors and boosters will be listed in the benefit program.

The concert will feature The Dennis Alexander Ensemble, the First Baptist Church's Higher Ground Youth Choir, Pro-Vision, Abundant Life Fellowship Gospel Choir, Princeton University Gospel Choir, and the Watson Johnson Dance Group.

For information or tickets, call Deborah Agnew at the Arts Council, 924-8777, or send a check to The Neighborhood Committee of the Arts Council, Attention Deborah Agnew, 102 Witherspoon Street, Princeton 08542.

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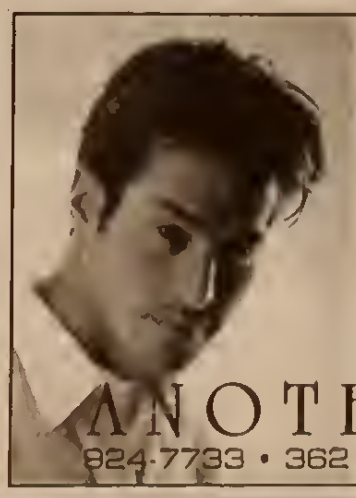

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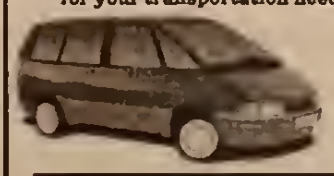
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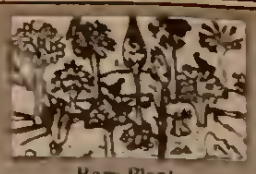

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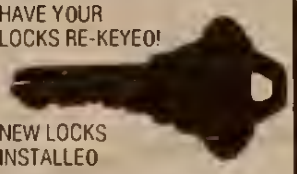

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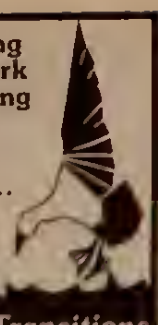
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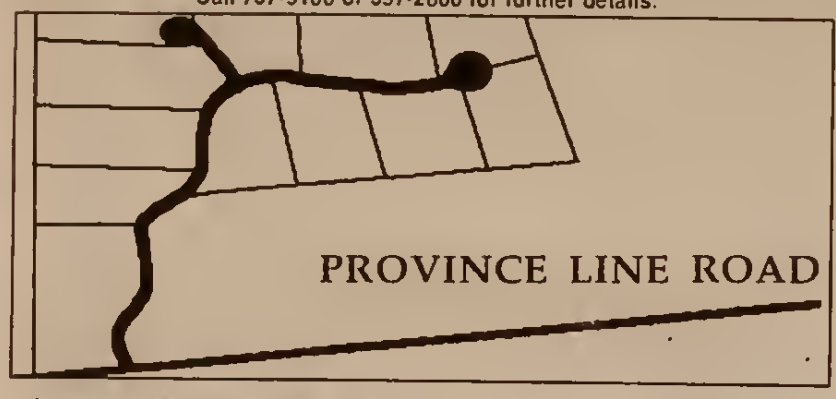

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